

“1st Peter #11”

1st Peter 4:7-19 (Serving for God’s glory and suffering for God’s glory)

Review: 1st Peter 4:1-7 (NKJV)

- My revelation: ***“As it was in the days of Noah...”***
- I knew exactly what that meant... I thought, I need to study this out...

Matthew 24:1-14... 34-39, 44

So why does Peter reference Noah when talking about Christ’s resurrection and His descent into hell or prison to preach to the spirits in prison...?

- ***We have been living in the last days since the day of Pentecost and the Ascension.***

So, what is Peter trying to convey by referencing Noah... ?

- *Jesus’ ascension: ushered in the last days!!*
- I believe that Peter is remembering what Jesus told them as recorded in Matthew 24
- The last days will be as they were in the days of Noah.

Tonight: Text 1st Peter 4:7-11 (NKJV) Read

- V7 – “The end of all things is at hand... ***be serious and watchful in your prayers,***”
- V8 – “Have ***fervent*** love for one another.”

Fervent: Intense passion, zeal, or earnestness, particularly in relation to spiritual devotion and prayer.

James 5:16 ***“Confess your trespasses to one another, that you may be healed. The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”*** (NKJV)

- Now let’s read that scripture in context: James 5:13-16... Read (NKJV)
- Love and prayer are to be done fervently! (With passion...)
- Question why **love** fervently...?

V8 (NASB) “Above all, keep **fervent** in your love for one another, ***because love covers a multitude of sins.***”

- We all sin, we all do and say things we regret. **True love forgives (covers) all sin**
- Love holds no grudges...

Remember James 5:15 ***"The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."***

As Jesus said: ***"Which is easier to say... thy sins be forgiven or take up your bed and walk"***

(Healing and forgiveness go hand and hand)

- V's 9 – 10 (NASB) ***"Be hospitable to one another without complaint. As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold Grace of God."***
- V11 Read... Oracles of God: utterances of God.
- ***"Let him do it with the ability which God supplies." (You must be confident in God's gift... each one of us, God has gifted)*** It's not your genius or hard work it's God's grace!

Text 1st Peter 4: 12-19 (NKJV) Read

- **Beloved, think it not strange...** But rejoice... that you are counted worthy to partake of Christ sufferings. **(there's that word again... suffering)**
- V14... ***"If you are reproached (Insulted or reviled) for the name of Christ... Blessed, are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rest upon you."***
- V17... ***"For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God."***

V18 (NASB) All in caps

"IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER?"

V19 (NKJV) ***"Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator."***

(ESV) ***"Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good."***