

1 PETER

**What does God say
to a Persecuted
Church?**



THE POWER OF SUBMISSION

- 1 Peter 2:18-20
- 18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. 19 For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.
- House servants had virtually no rights, can you imagine being Christian and working for someone who hated you and God, who were being used by Demons.

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- 1 Peter 2:20-21
- 20 For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. 21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:
- **Example – Under writing, writing that was placed under a clear piece of paper, in order to trace the letters.**

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- 1 Peter 2:22
- 22 "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth";
- 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;
- Reviled – an abundance of vile names/ terms that were heaped on a person. "He did not answer a word"

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- 1 Peter 2:24-25
- 24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness — by whose stripes you were healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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- 1 Peter 3:1-2
- **Wives**, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, **that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.**
- This statement is very significant, because in the world of the first century, females had very few rights. The status of a female in that day, were far below the rights and liberties that females have in our country today.

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- 1 Peter 3:3-4
- Do not let your adornment be merely outward — arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel — 4 rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.
- **Don't be mere eye candy, but let the character of Christ shine through your being**

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- 1 Peter 3:5-6
- For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

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- 1 Peter 3:7
- **7 Husbands, likewise**, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

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- 1 Peter 3:8-10
- 8 Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; 9 not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

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- 1 Peter 3:10
- 10 For "He who would love life
- And see good days,
- Let him refrain his tongue from evil,
- And his lips from speaking deceit.

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- 1 Peter 3:11-12
- 11 Let him turn away from evil and do good;
- Let him seek peace and pursue it.
- 12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
- And His ears are open to their prayers;
- But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

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- 1 Peter 3:13-14
- 13 And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? 14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled."