WALK IN THE WORD WEDNESDAY

NOONDAY BIBLE STUDY LESSON OUTLINE

Lesson #32 Your Character and Behavior Matters

Beulah Missionary Baptist Church
Noon Day Prayer – Bible Study
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Lesson #32 As the Lord's chosen Children, your Behavior Matters

Scripture: 1st Peter 3:1 – 22

Emphasis: 1st Peter 3:9

"Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing."

Subject: "Do not respond with evil because you received evil"

Background: 1st Peter was probably written by Peter in Rome. Peter was a Jewish fisherman in Bethsaida. He was named Simon, the son of a man named Jonah or John. The three synoptic gospels recount how Peter's mother-in-law was healed by Jesus at their home in Capernaum; these passages depict Peter as being married or widowed. In the synoptic gospels, Peter (then Simon) was a fisherman along with his brother, Andrew, and the sons of Zebedee, James and John. It is there, in the area of Caesarea Philippi, that he receives from Jesus the name Cephas (Aramaic *Kepha*), or Peter (Greek *Petros*). The Gospel of John also depicts Peter fishing, even after the resurrection of Jesus, in the story of the Catch of 153 fish. In Matthew and Mark, Jesus called Simon and his brother Andrew to be "fishers of men". In the Confession of Peter, he proclaims Jesus to be the Christ (Jewish Messiah), as described in the three synoptic gospels.

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Introduction: In this 32nd Lesson of the Epistle from Peter to the Exiles scattered Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, we start our study in 1st Peter Chapter 3. There are Four Major Topics: 1). Husband and Wife to be in Submission to one another 2). We are to Love one another as Christ Loved us 3). Our Behavior matters 4). Christ Suffered in order to bring Salvation to all those who Believe

Lesson Topic #1 1st Peter 3:1 – 7

"Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; [2] While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. [3] Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; [4] But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. [5] For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: [6] Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. [7] Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

- Husbands and Wives are to be in Subjection to One Another
    - Fact #1 Use your Love for your Spouse to bring them to Christ
        - Scripture directs the Believers to stay with their non-Believing Spouse in order to Lead them or win them over to Christ
        - There is nothing wrong with displaying your outward Beauty, but it is the inward Beauty that appeals to the Lord and man
        - Don't allow your newfound Freedom in Christ cause you to abandon your duties to your Spouse in Faithfulness
    - Fact #2 Sarah respected Abraham as her Husband
        - Sarah became the Mother of a Mighty Nation, but as a Wife
        - Sarah had no problem with her Role, but spoke rightly to her husband when she saw something that was Out of Order
        - Abraham, being Sarah's husband, submitted to her Wisdom on 2 occasions concerning Hagar and concerning Ishmael

- Fact #3 Husbands are to Honor their Wives
  - In scripture, their reports of Men who gave their lives to Christ and their whole Families were saved as a result of their Faith
  - In all likely hood back then just like now, it is possible that some Husbands get Salvation and their Spouses do not
  - Scripture directs the Husband not to put his wife away because of her unbelief in hopes that she will see the Love of her Husband toward her and soon she will be converted

Lesson Topic #2 1st Peter 3:8 – 16

"Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: [9] Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. [10] For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: [11] Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. [12] For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. [13] And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? [14] But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; [15] But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: [16] Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ."

- Your Behavior Matters
  - Realities #1 We are to Love one another as Christ Loved us
    - We are to have Compassion for one another
    - We are to Love as Brothers and Sisters in Christ
    - We are to be Kind and Courteous to Everyone
    - We are not to Trade Evil for Evil
    - We are to give Blessings for Evil and Blessings for Curses
    - We are to keep our Lips from Speaking Evil or Guile
  - Realities #2 We are to Avoid Evil
    - For the Eyes of the Lord are always watching
    - For the Ears of the Lord are always listening
    - For the Face of the Lord is against all those who do evil

- Realities #3 Who can Harm the Followers of Good
  - If you Suffer for Righteous sake, be happy because it is His will for you

Lesson Topic #3 1st Peter 3:17 – 22

"For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. 18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: 19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; 20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. 21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: 22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him."

- Christ suffered in order to bring Salvation
  - Truths #1 It is better for us to Suffer for well doing
    - Betrayed, Abandoned, Lied on and Forsaken
    - Spat on, Whipped and Beaten
    - Humiliated, Marched through the Streets as a wounded soldier
    - Hung on a Tree to Die in front many
  - Truths #2 Christ suffered for the Just and as well as for the Unjust
    - Jesus Hung, Bled and Died on the Cross just for me
    - The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power: It reaches to the highest mountain, it flows to the lowest valley; the blood that gives me strength from day to day, it will never lose its power. (Andre' Crouch)
    - But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)
  - Truths #3 The Reach of God's Long Suffering
    - God's longsuffering, emphasizing His patience and mercy towards humanity
    - God waited in the days of Noah for the completion of the Ark
    - God responded to Moses' cry unto the Lord for the Israelites

- God is slow to anger and quickly to Forgive

"when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water."

Conclusion: God's Longsuffering is Grace and Patience because He waited 120 Years while Noah Preached and Prepared the Ark for Salvation

Exercise our **Faith** and **Act** on our **Faith** accordingly. The Bible says that we are to be **Doers** of God's **Word** and not just **Hearers** only.

Let us Pray
Acknowledgements

NOONDAY BIBLE STUDY VOCABULARY WORDS

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#	Vocabulary	Definition	References
1	Sanctification		
2	Inheritance		
3	Incorruptible		
4	Undefiled		
5	Trial		
6	Tried		
7	Foreordained		
8	Malice		
9	Guile		
10	Hypocrisies		
11	Peculiar		
12	Pilgrims		
13	Reviled		
14	**Subjection**		
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