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**1 Peter – “A Living Hope”**

**Session 12**

**“Sanctifying the Lord in your heart”**

What does it mean to **“sanctify the Lord God in your heart”**? This is such a critical question for our walk with God; one that will determine how we face suffering in this life. When we sanctify ourselves to God, we must be ready to suffer if need be in order to do His will and be His witness in this world. This week’s passage teaches us how and what we are to suffer for, the witness it can be, and the fruit it will bring in our lives. Have you sanctified the Lord in your heart? If you answered yes, do your conduct and witness toward others reflect that? Meditate on this vital principle of our faith as you answer the questions below and consider the personal application in your own life.

**Passage:** 1 Peter 3:13-17 (NKJV)

**Personal Study Time Questions:**

**Scripture: 1 Peter 3:13; Proverbs 16:7**

What does this verse assume we as believers are intended to **“become”**?  
When we do, what does Proverbs 16 teach us can often result?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 3:14**

What does Peter say about those who **“suffer for righteousness’ sake”**?

**Scripture: Isaiah 8:12-13; 1 Peter 3:15**

What does Isaiah tell us to do, even if threatened or troubled **“for righteousness’ sake”**? How does Peter state this same idea in verse 15?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 3:15**

When people see us willing to “*suffer*” for doing what’s right before God, what doors does that open for us? How are we to present ourselves when we do?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 3:16**

What is the fruit for us when we respond to suffering this way? At the same time, what happens to those who “*defame us as evildoers*”?

**Scripture: John 16:33; 1 Peter 3:17**

What did Jesus tell us about suffering (or tribulation) in this world? That being the case, what wisdom does Peter give us about suffering in verse 17, (if we are to sanctify the Lord in our hearts)?

**Personal Application:**

Meditate on the different situations you face in this life that could fall under the category of suffering, (even if it takes the form of not getting your way in certain circumstances of daily life). Do your responses in those various situations reflect a heart that is sanctified to the Lord? Is living “*righteous*” or glorifying God your primary concern in them? What kind of witness do you think your actions present?

Spend some time in prayer with the Lord, and ask Him to continue to sanctify you in any of those areas, and commit to a deeper fellowship in the Word with Him by His Spirit, that He might do so.

**Hiding God’s Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):**

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.”

1 Peter 3:15

