

Dig-a-bit Month 8 Episode 1

Conversations: Crossing the Culture

1 Peter 3

[00:00:00] Hi there. This is Diga bit number four for our month eight study. We're studying Impertinent women specifically this month. We study Martha and salami, and we are now ready to wind this up, but I wanted to talk for just a second about. The, practically speaking assignment that was to read through all the chapters of one Peter, and to think about as you're reading those, the suffering Christians and pray for the suffering Christians as you come in contact with them and as you have opportunity.

So I wanted to talk just for a minute from one Peter chapter three, and then this month's study will be done. I wanted us to notice in one p Peter chapter three, I have a bad cold. Sorry about that. So I'm a little bit hoarse, but I wanted us to notice how that. This is a very practical chapter about marriage, and we all know that it begins with, likewise, you wives being [00:01:00] subjected to your husbands.

The defendant obey not the word. They can be won by the behavior of the wives without the word. And then it goes on and talks about, the way that we dress. It talks about the important part of our constitution that is reflective of Christ rather than. The ornamentation of gold or pearls or costly array talks about that.

It talks about the way that our prayers will not be hindered as a couple if we are fulfilling the roles in the home that God would have us to fulfill. Specifically, it begins talking about a woman who is married to a non-Christian, but I'm just telling you, all of the first few verses of First Peter chapter three are applicable to all of us who are in marriages.

It begins with the word therefore, which moves us back up to the end of chapter two, which tells us this is the way we're supposed to live in it, to be living in our homes. [00:02:00] We're supposed to be submitting in the same way that Christ submitted to the cross without reviling, without turning again. And so it's just a beautiful analogy of the way that we, in our homes.

Submit to his will, even as he submitted with the same attitude that he submitted to the cross. So as we then read on down through the chapter, we get to this

passage beginning in verse 13 that really focuses on persecution and it's saying if anybody is persecuting you because you are living right.

Well, I don't think we're too awfully far from persecution. For the attitudes of submission in the home in America today, I don't think we're too far from, I believe we already are verbally persecuted sometimes because we want to, present to the world. The fact that wives are to be submitted [00:03:00] submissive to their husbands in the home.

And as we think about that, it's so contrary to where our nation is today and where most of the world in general is today, but especially in a America, to say that I'm going to have a submissive spirit in my home, that I have decided that I'm going to. Here's that four letter word. Obey my husband in my home.

When I start to say that, which is clearly taught in the New Testament, then I become the enemy of many of the people around me and a actually the laughing stock of many of the people around me. Peter goes on and talks about how that we will be sometimes persecuted for righteousness.

Now, I know that he was walking right up to the persecution that we read about in Revelation, where people are actually being martyred for Christianity. And as we talk [00:04:00] about on our audio, our video podcast, those people were under the sacrificial altar of heaven and they were crying out to God, how long?

How long before our blood is avenged on those who took our lives? And God's answer was, we're gonna wait. The time is not fulfilled yet, but here you rest and here's your white robe. The big context in which Peter writes, he writes it for us today and he tells us here, here's the way you are to behave in your home, and then beware lest you are persecuted for righteousness sake.

So let's look at verse 13. Who is he that will harm you if you are zealous of that, which is good? Well, most of the time people who are zealous for that, which is good, are praised in good societies. But, and if you suffer for righteousness sake, happy are you, be happy and don't be afraid of their terror or be troubled, but instead.

[00:05:00] Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts. Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, or the a SV says, they're sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord. And be ready always to give an answer to everyone who asks you a reason of the hope that's within you with meekness and fear. I really think, ladies, that this says a couple of things to us.

I think it says that we need to be able to present people the actual strong language of the Bible. When they question our submissive spirits in the home. We need to be able to show them biblically. In, in kindness biblically, why we are sanctified in this way, set apart from the world in this way, and give them that biblical answer.

Having a good conscience that whereas they are speaking evil of you, just like they would evil doers, they in the end may be ashamed, who are [00:06:00] falsely accusing your good behavior in Christ. It is a false accusation that the world presents against us when they say we are. Being abused. We are, they would use the word stupid.

We are not very smart. We are giving up our ambition, ladies. We're holding onto the greatest ambition that we can hold onto in this world, and that's heaven. But we will be, criticized. We will be verbally, at least at this point, persecuted when we say, I'm gonna sanctify Christ in my heart. I'm gonna put his truth in my heart no matter what the world around me, what the culture around me is saying.

We're gonna be criticized, but our answer is, I'm sanctifying Christ in my heart. I've decided to do life his way. And one day [00:07:00] those people who are shaming us will be the ones this first says Who are? Ashamed for it is better if the will of God be so that you suffer for well-doing than for evil. Doing be like Christ.

It says For Christ suffered for sins, the just for the unjust. He was the just one and he suffered for the unjust. Being put to death in the flesh, but made alive by the spirit. I love this passage because it does follow right on the heels of teaching about our meek and quiet spirit in the home. Our submission, which is in the world's eyes crazy, but yet right here we have you go ahead and sanctify him in your heart.

You go ahead and be different because you have Christ in your heart. I love also the fact that. He's calling him Jehovah. He's referring back to, the book of Isaiah eight 13 where it is [00:08:00] Jehovah who is to be sanctified. So it's showing us in one Peter three here that part of Jehovah is Jesus is Jesus Christ.

So Christ is to be regarded with the same degree of reverence as is God the Father. We set him apart with the same reverence for deity in our hearts that we have for God the Father. And I love the fact that he uses that term, that quote here from Isaiah and he. Makes us know that when we talk about Jehovah, we are including Christ and our sanctification of Christ in our hearts.

It is noble to suffer. This passage says for right behavior, and it specifically is referring to right behavior in the home because it follows. Right on the heels of this strong teaching about our submission to our husbands, even if they are not believers, it's [00:09:00] noble to suffer for doing right, but it never is.

This passage says to, to suffer, go to jail, be punished, go to eternal torment. That's not noble. It's never noble to suffer for that, which is wrong.

I hope that you are full this spring of study of the Word of God, and I hope that you are happy and healthy and that you never suffer for wrongdoing, but you are happy if you are suffering for sanctification of Christ in your heart. Have a good day.