



"Satisfaction in Suffering" (Part 5)

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1 Peter 2:21b



18 Servants, submit yourselves to your masters with all fear. Not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are perverse. 19 For this [finds] favor, if out of consciousness toward God, one endures pain when suffering unjustly. 20 For what good would it be if, when you sin and are roughly treated, you endure it? But if you should suffer for doing good and endure it, this finds favor with God. 21 For you have been called for this [purpose], since Christ also suffered on your behalf, leaving for you an example so that you might follow in His steps. 22 who committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.

23 Who while being reviled, was not reviling in return; while suffering was not uttering threats, but he kept entrusting [Himself] to the One who always judges righteously. 24 He who bore our sin in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wound you have been healed. 25 For you were straying like sheep, but now you have been turned back by the shepherd and overseer of your souls.

– 1 Peter 2:18-25, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

Introduction

"We are slaves of the Suffering
Servant who are to strive for
satisfaction in our sufferings since He
suffered for us."

I. Servants are to Submit Themselves to their Masters (18)

II. God Blesses us when we Suffer well (19-20)

A. What it means to suffer well:

1. Suffering well means that we rest in God's _____ (18b)

2. Suffering well means that we _____ God in our suffering (18a & 19a)

3. Suffering well means that we suffer for _____ sake (19b-20)

III. We have been Sovereignly Called by God to Suffer Well (21a)

A. We can be satisfied with suffering because Christ suffered for us (21b)

1. We have a God who has experienced suffering!

2. It was necessary for Christ to suffer

3. Suffering is the means by which we receive our final reward even as it was the means by which Christ received His

a. Christ suffered for us!

B. We can be satisfied with suffering because Christ left us a living example (21c-23)

Conclusion