

## A Translation of I Peter 2:18-25

18. Slaves, with all reverent fear, submit to [your] masters- not only to those who are good and gracious, but also to those who are unjust. 19. Because this is pleasing [to God]- if someone, when suffering unjustly, endures affliction because he is mindful of God. 20. For is it ‘a great honor’ if you, when being beaten for your own sin, you put up with it? But if, when you do good and suffer, you endure it, this is pleasing to God.

21. Because you have been called to this type of life, because Christ also suffered on your behalf, thereby leaving you an example so that you should imitate him.

22. “He did not sin and neither was any falsehood found in his mouth”

23. He did not return insult when insulted, he did not threaten when suffering, but rather entrusted [himself]<sup>1</sup> to the one who judges justly.

24. He himself carried “our sins” in His body on the cross, so that we, ‘being dead’ with regard to sins, may live with regard to righteousness.

“By His wounds, you<sup>2</sup> were healed”

25. For you were “straying like sheep” but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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<sup>1</sup> Or ‘he entrusted [judgement]...

<sup>2</sup> A Few manuscripts have *ἰάθημεν* ‘we were healed’. The reading is clearly secondary, appearing in one Greek manuscript and in a few Latin and other Versions. This reading is conformed to the reading of the LXX of Isa. 53:5. However, Peter often differs from LXX in quotations (8 out of the 11 quotations listed in UBS). UBS does not consider this variant significant enough to include it.