

I Pet 3:8-12

- I. Summary- (“finally” of v. 8) of commands based on relationships discussed in 2:13-3:7 with concluding commands. (8-9)
 - A. The Commands. (8-9c)
 - 1. Have these Characteristics (8)
 - a. Unity of mind and purpose – cf. Rom. 12:16, 15:5, I Cor 1:10, 2 Cor 13:11, Phil 2:2
 - b. Sympathy for one another – cf. Heb 10:34, Rom 12:15, I Cor 12:26
 - c. Brotherly Love –cf. 1:22, Rom 12:9-10, Jn 13:34-35, I Thes 4:9, Heb 13:1
 - d. Compassion, tenderheartedness – cf. Eph 4:32, Phil 1:8, 2:1, Col 3:12
 - e. Humility –cf. Prov 29:23, I Pet 5:5-6, Rom 12:16
 - 2. Do these things (9a-c)
 - a. Negatively (9a-b)
 - 1) Do not return evil for evil –cf. Rom 12:17, I Thes 5:15, I Pet 2:23, Mt 5:38-48 (9a)
 - 2) Or insult for insult (9b)
 - b. Positively – But rather give blessing –cf. Lk 6:28, Rom 12:14, I Cor 4:12-13 (9c)
 - B. The Reason (9d-e)
 - 1. You were called to this: (giving blessing even when insulted) –cf. 1:15, 2:21 (9d)
 - 2. The Purpose – So that you may receive (inherit) blessing –cf. Lk 6:37-38, I Pet 1:4 (9e)
- II. The reason this is so: God pays back each as he deserves (quoting Ps 34:12-16) (10-12)
 - A. Doing good pays off well (10-11)
 - 1. If anyone wants these things to happen (conditional) (10a)
 - a. If he wants to love life
 - b. And if he wants to see good days
 - 2. Let him do the following things (10b-11)
 - a. Have right speech (10b-c)
 - 1) Let him keep his tongue from evil (10b)
 - 2) And let him keep his lips from speaking deceit (10c)
 - b. Have right actions (11a-b)
 - 1) Let him keep away from evil (11a)
 - 2) And let him do good (11b)
 - c. Have right desires (11c-d)
 - 1) Let him desire peace (11c)
 - 2) And let him pursue after it (11d)
 - B. The reason this works: God pays back in kind (12)
 - 1. God pays back the good (12a-b)
 - a. The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous (12a)
 - b. His ears are open to their prayers and requests (12b)
 - 2. God pays back the bad- The face of the Lord is against those who do evil (12c)