

1 Pet 4:12-19

- I. You can rejoice in trials because glory follows righteous suffering (12-18)
 - A. Rejoice in trials and persecution (12-14)
 - 1. Don't be surprised in suffering but rejoice (12-13)
 - a. Don't be surprised (12)
 - 1) Beloved, don't be surprised when intense trials and temptations come upon you (12a)
 - 2) As if this was something strange happening to you (12b)
 - b. But rather rejoice (13)
 - 1) Rejoice as you share the sufferings of Christ (13a-b)
 - a) Inasmuch as you are sharing in the sufferings of Christ (13a)
 - b) To that extent, rejoice (13b)
 - 2) The purpose: You will continue to rejoice forever (13c-d)
 - a) So that you will rejoice also at the revelation of Christ's glory (13c)
 - b) That is, you will exceedingly rejoice (13d)
 - 2. The reason – God's Spirit and blessing are on such as you (14)
 - a. If you are abused on account of the name of Christ (14a)
 - b. You are blessed because God repays suffering with glory. (14b-c)
 - 1) You are blessed (14b)
 - 2) Because the Spirit of Glory and of God rests upon you (14c)
 - B. Your suffering needs to be in the right way and for the right reasons (15-18)
 - 1. Don't suffer as an evildoer, but as a Christian (15-16)
 - a. Don't suffer as an evildoer (15)
 - 1) Don't let any of you suffer for the following reasons (15a)
 - 2) Because you are a murderer, thief, evildoer, or meddler in others' affairs (15b)
 - b. Suffer in the right way if you suffer for being a Christian (16)
 - 1) If you suffer for being a Christian (16a-b)
 - a) If anyone suffers (16a)
 - b) As a Christian (16b)
 - 2) Suffer in the right way (16c-d)
 - a) Do not be ashamed (16c)
 - b) But rather glorify God in this Name (16d)
 - 2. The Reason – judgment is starting (17-18)
 - a. It is time for judgment to start with the people of God (17a)
 - b. The implications- What this means, especially for those outside of God's people (17b-18)
 - 1) If Christians first, others finally (17b-c)
 - a) If judgment starts with us (17b)
 - b) What will be the end of those who disobey the Gospel of God? – implication: final judgment (17c)
 - 2) If the righteous barely make it, the unrighteous don't at all (18)
 - a) If the righteous are saved with difficulty (18a)
 - b) How are the ungodly and sinners going to fare at the end? – implication: not very well (18b)
- II. The Final implication: Therefore, those who suffer according to God's will should entrust themselves to their faithful creator by doing good works (19)