

Series: Resident Aliens: A Study of 1 Peter
Lesson: 1 Peter 1:10-12 "Greater than Prophets"
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1. What positive effects might persecution have on the church?

Makes the church stronger in faith

Usually makes the church grow in size

2. What negative effects might persecution have on the church?

Church leaders are hit the hardest

Many might abandon their faith in times of trouble

3. We know what the Old Testament prophets did not.

4. The Old Testament prophets served us.

5. We know what the angels do not.

6. The angels serve us.

7. Parallels between Isaiah 52:13-53:12 and 1 Peter 2:21-25

He committed no sin (53:9, 11-12)

No deceit was found in his mouth (53:9)

He was abused and afflicted (53:3)

He did not speak in return (53:7)

He bore our sins, his bruises heal us (53:4-5)

We should live in righteousness (53:11)

We have gone astray like sheep (53:6)

Travel Tip #3:

Knowing the Old Testament well certainly enhances the study of the New Testament. This certainly applies to next week's passage (1:13-21). There is, of course, the direct quote from the book of Leviticus in verse 16, but there are also a number of allusions to other scriptures. Here are two of them:

"Obedient children" in verse 14 comes from the Ten Commandments. Many ancient Jewish interpreters thought that the law to "honor your father and mother" applied first to your relationship with God as Father and only then to your parents. It may also be related to Leviticus 19:3 since Peter quotes the preceding verse.

"Call upon the father" (verse 17) adapts the common biblical phrase "to call upon the name of the Lord." This terminology occurs frequently in the Old Testament and refers to worship.

Verse 13 literally reads, "Therefore gird the loins of your mind." What might that mean? (for help, see Ex. 12:11; Jdg. 18:16; 2 Kgs 4:29, 9:1; Job 38:3, 40:7; Jer. 1:17; and Luke 12:35-40)

For this week read 1 Peter 1:13-21. Having directed praise toward God for making us His children, Peter now writes about our responsibilities as God's children. How does the proverb "Like father, like son" apply in this situation?