

Responding to unfair treatment

1 Peter 2:18-25

Introduction:

The letter presses us on to ***maintaining a Christian testimony in a hostile society.***

Peter's solution is to live like a sojourner, a pilgrim. "Another time, another place, another kingdom ruled by grace..."

A major theme is suffering as a Christian. Peter says a lot about suffering. It is sprinkled throughout the letter (1:6,7,11; 2:19-25; 3:14, 16-18; 4:1, 12-16, 19; 5:1, 10).

Responding to being treated unfairly.

1. We are responsible to meet our obligations in relationships.
 - a. Regardless of if this is a voluntary or imposed obligation
 - b. Regardless of the authorities character
18-19
 - c. Regardless of how we will be treated
(responded to) 20-21

2. We have the example and immense benefit of Jesus suffering (that reframes our perspective).
22-25

a. He was treated unfairly 22-23

b. He brought immense blessing on his people
24-25

Conclusion: