

1 Peter 2:4-12

Review:

Obedient Children Led by the Spirit

Called to Holy Conduct to Reflect/Reveal the Father (motive)

Freed from Human Entropy - "Taste" of Graciousness/Goodness
set aside fleshly responses and Mature by Feeding on His Word

4 - 5 **Jesus the Living Stone** (Ps 118:22, Isa 28:16) - Precious to God, Rejected by men
Present Ourselves to Him (Ps 110:3) as Building Material full of His Life (Holy)
like Jesus - Rejected by men (Shared Sufferings) ~ useless material
Precious Favorite of God

Built Together into Living Temple - Expressing Father Requires Community (church)
between Bethel and Ai (Gen 12:7-8, 13:3-4)

(Ep 2:19-22) ¹⁹Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²²in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

(Ep 4:11-16) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head- Christ- from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Temple = Reconciliation, Presence, Worship, Instruction in Word

Holy Priesthood (1 Cor 5:17-21) - Ministers of the Travelling Presence (1 Cor 3:16)
easier together (Mt 18:20)

Spiritual Sacrifices - Obedient Children (Rom 12:1), Disciples (Mt 16:24-25)

6-8 **Jesus the Chief Cornerstone** (Precious Favorite) - Alignment

(1Co 3:9-11) ⁹For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. ¹⁰According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. ¹¹For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

all building must Align with the Chief Cornerstone

(Ac 4:11-12) ¹¹"This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' ¹²"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Simple Binary Choice

Believe: Align (Obedient Children) = delivered from Shame

Reject: Disobedience = Stumbling

Stumbling “Appointed” to any who Disobey Word (Mt 7:24-27)

Jesus the Rock of Offense (Isa 8:14)

(Lk 20:17-18) ¹⁷ ‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone?’ ¹⁸ ‘Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.’ (context: Parable of Vinedressers)

Both Choices Carry Offense

Stumbling Block of Works (Rom 9:30-33)

Offence of the Cross (Gal 5:11) - no one is okay

there is no inoffensive gospel

9 Nation of Favored King Priests (Rev 1:5) Set Apart to Proclaim Him (be Light)

(Ex 19:6) ‘And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’

original plan (Levites), future plan

(Rev 5:10) And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.”

Kings Rule, Priests Serve (Minister)

King Priests Rule through Partnership Intercession

10 Hosea - Israel conquered by Assyria - Jewish Dispersion

(Ho 1:6) ⁶And she conceived again and bore a daughter. Then God said to him: “Call her name Lo-Ruhamah (no mercy), for I will no longer have mercy on the house of Israel, but I will utterly take them away.

(Ho 1:8-10) ⁸Now when she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. ⁹Then God said: “Call his name Lo-Ammi (not My people), for you are not My people, and I will not be your God. ¹⁰“Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not My people,’ there it shall be said to them, ‘You are sons of the living God.’”

11-12 Sojourners/Pilgrims (Dispersion) - Identity in Kingdom of Heaven (vs 9)

Honorable Conduct because the Gentiles are Watching (motive: represent Father)

our Actions must speak louder than their Accusations