

September 25–October 1, 2023

SUBJECT

Unreality

GOLDEN TEXT

I Peter 2:11

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

RESPONSIVE READING

I Peter 2:1–3, 5, 9–11, 21, 22, 25

¹ Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

² **As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:**

³ If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

⁵ **Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.**

⁹ But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

¹⁰ **Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.**

¹¹ Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

²¹ **For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:**

²² Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

²⁵ **For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.**

The Golden Text and Responsive Reading are from the King James Version of the Bible.