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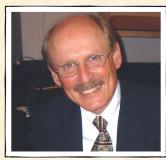
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1 Peter 3

Submission to Husbands

1 Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, 2 when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. 3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. 4 Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

5 For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, 6 like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

A Word to Husbands

7 Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

Called to Blessing

- **8** Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.
- **9** Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. **10** For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. **11** They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. **12** For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Suffering for Right and Wrong

13 Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? 14 But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." 15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

17 For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

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Christ's Suffering and Ours

18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. 19 After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits – 20 to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, 21 and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also--not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand--with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Holiday Thoughts



For some people, "Thanksgiving is just another day," – a day to gorge oneself with delicious food and intoxicating drink without guilt or restriction – a day for family gatherings and football games. Originally, it was a holiday to celebrate a bountiful harvest after hard and tragic days of loss and hunger. Thanksgiving became a national holiday in 1863, so designated by President Abraham Lincoln, but it was in 1621 that the Pilgrims observed what is considered "the First Thanksgiving" as they survived their first year in America and celebrated their first successful harvest.

True, heartfelt thanksgiving often follows hard times, disappointment and loss, and it always has an "object" of gratitude – God, the giver of all good things. He is the One who deserves our most heartfelt gratitude – for His provision, His protection, His providence in our lives, and for His boundless grace. And for that, we give thanks this season!

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West Valley Ministries Update

For two years now, West Valley Ministries has been saying, "We are living in the season of Christ's return." That is still true, more than ever before! And it is still the mission of WVM "to help Christ's followers recognize the signs of His approaching return and be prepared for that Great Day!"

This issue of "The Way," our newsletter, is the 79th issue. In addition to our newsletters are countless videos on Bible prophecy, the Gospel **of Scripture**, important doctrinal studies, sermon videos and numerous supplemental videos and documents – all available on our website – wvetm.com.

When we first began WVM Ministries in September of 2023, I was concerned that there wouldn't be enough time to produce all that has now been posted on our website – an entire comprehensive series of studies on the prophecies of the end-time (what is soon to come upon our earth) and a clear presentation of the Gospel (how people can be prepared for all that is ahead and for the return of Jesus). I felt an urgency to compile what has become a rather complete commentary on Daniel and Revelation, as evidence was prolific that the last days are upon us. God has graciously given me the time do what I set out to do, and even now, the events of prophecy are unfolding before us.

- On November 5, 2024, America (the world power identified in Revelation 13:11-18) began its incredible rise as the dominant nation of the world. It had to become the greatest power on earth before it could fulfill its prophetic destiny just before Jesus comes, and in spite of the rival powers of earth, and all the opposing political forces within, America is now the most powerful nation on earth and is still gaining the dominance in the earth necessary to be the "voice" that demands the homage of the world to "the beast" of Revelation 13:1-10. The strength of America on the world stage has never been greater!
- ◆ For many years, ecumenism among Christian churches has been on the rise something necessary for the religious element of America to lead the world, verily to demand the world, to "worship the beast and his image" Revelation 13:12-15. Christendom is more united in its theology, its policy and its objectives than it has ever been just in the past few years! Protestants, Evangelicals, and Catholics are united in mission, and the once powerful message of Protestants has been abdicated in the interest of "Christian unity". The strength of Christendom in America, Protestants, Evangelicals, and Catholic together, has never been stronger as this conglomerate of "Christianity" must exist for religion in America to fulfill its destiny in the final conflict between good and evil, between those who follow after the Antichrist and those who follow the Christ!
- The world is on fire! America is under attack, both from within and without. Evil is at its height within government and within the boarders of our Republic. Crisis is just ahead, and it will demand the strongest hand of our government and its administration to maintain law, order, and peace

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within. It will require a united effort between government and religion to attain the "peace" predicted in Scripture which is followed by "sudden destruction" 1 Thessalonians 5:3. We are on the brink of unthinkable chaos, compromise, persecution, and death — all predicted in the prophecies of Revelation.

♦ Revival is to preceded the coming of Jesus — a revival among God's people — not the one we see in our world today, but one that will call God's people out of "Babylon" (the increasingly unified religious conglomerate of today) and to an allegiance to the Creator, a reliance upon Christ alone for our strength and salvation, and to a life commensurate with our faith in Christ — one of obedience to the commandments of God and the Sabbath of Scripture. This revival will be in stark contrast to the false revival of the religious world of today, which is characterized by the compromise of Bible truth, pumped-up fervor, signs and wonders, and ultimately an allegiance to the beast, his image, and his false Sabbath.

We live in fragile times – we are on the brink of eternity. Apostacy is ripe in our nation, and God's warning judgments against a defiant world are waiting for His command to be released upon the earth. They will be devastating and will merely harden the rebellious! We are living in the season of Christ's return, and this ministry continues to be a small voice for God's people as the final events of history continue to unfold.

<u>Important Announcement</u>: For the remainder of 2025, the staff of WVM will be taking a break from our weekly ministry – both our newsletter and our Sabbath afternoon Bible class. We need a short break, and this seems to be a good time to do so with the holidays upon us. There are year-end corporate tasks to be attended to and planning for 2026. This newsletter and this Sabbath's Bible class will be the last of the year – until January 2026.

We are grateful for the fellowship and faithful support of each one of you this year and look forward to the new year and all that God has in store for us!

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to each of you from all of us!

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