

I PETER  
HOLY AND  
HOPE-FILLED LIVING  
IN A HOSTILE WORLD

# I Peter 2:4-10

And coming to Him as to a living stone  
which has been rejected by men,  
but is choice and precious  
in the sight of God,  
you also, as living stones,  
are being built up as a spiritual house  
for a holy priesthood,  
to offer up spiritual sacrifices

acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For *this* is contained in Scripture:

"BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE,  
A PRECIOUS CORNER *stone*,  
AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM  
WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

This precious value, then,  
is for you who believe;  
but for those who disbelieve, "THE STONE  
WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,  
THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER *stone*,"  
and, "A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A  
ROCK OF OFFENSE";

for they stumble because  
they are disobedient to the word,  
and to this *doom*  
they were also appointed.

But you are A CHOSEN RACE,  
A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION,  
A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION,

so that you may proclaim  
the excellencies  
of Him who has called you  
out of darkness  
into His marvelous light;

for you once were NOT A PEOPLE,  
but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD;  
you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY,  
but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.



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**WORSHIP!**

**Holy and Hope-Filled  
Worship!**

**WORSHIP** is a reverent act of acknowledgment to God of His nature, attributes, and deeds, whether through verbal or mental praise and thanksgiving, or through actions done in such acknowledgment.

# Three Prerequisites for True Worship of God

- ✓ Personally knowing God as your Father, 1:17.
- ✓ Knowing The Word, 1:22-2:3.
- ✓ Being in Fellowship With Other Believers, 1:22-2:3.

## The God We Worship...

- ✓ The Living Stone, 2:4.
- ✓ The One Rejected By Men, 2:4, 7.
- ✓ The One Who is Choice (Chosen!) in the Sight of God, 2:4.
- ✓ The One Who is Precious in the Sight of God, 2:4
- ✓ The One Who is Precious to Those Who Believe, 2:6-7.

## The God We Worship...

- ✓ The Cornerstone, 2:6-7.
- ✓ The One Who Does Not Disappoint!, 2:6.
- ✓ A Stone of Stumbling and a Rock of Offense, 2:8.

## The People Who Worship God...

- ✓ Those who come to Him, 2:4.
- ✓ Living stones that God is building into a spiritual House, 2:5.
- ✓ A Holy Priesthood, 2:5.

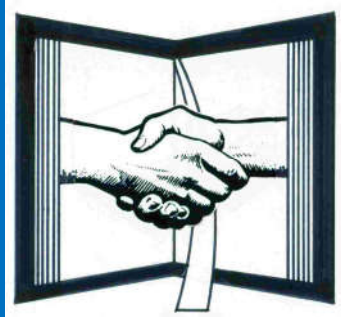
## The Priesthood involves...

- The Proper Birth!
- The Prerequisite Qualification: Holiness!
- The Privilege of Access!
- The Privilege of Intercession!
- The Privilege of Service!

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