

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

# I PETER 4:12-19

Beloved, do not be surprised  
at the fiery ordeal among you,  
which comes upon you for your testing,  
as though some strange thing  
were happening to you;  
but to the degree that you share  
the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing,  
so that also at the revelation of His glory  
you may rejoice with exultation.

If you are reviled for the name of Christ,  
you are blessed,  
because the Spirit of glory  
and of God rests on you.

Make sure that none of you suffers  
as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer,  
or a troublesome meddler;

but if *anyone* suffers as a Christian,  
he is not to be ashamed,  
but is to glorify God in this name.  
For *it is* time for judgment to begin  
with the household of God;  
and if *it begins* with us first,  
what *will be* the outcome for those  
who do not obey the gospel of God?

AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY  
THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED,  
WHAT WILL BECOME OF  
THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER?  
Therefore, those also who suffer  
according to the will of God  
shall entrust their souls  
to a faithful Creator  
in doing what is right.



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IN A HOSTILE WORLD...  
IN SPITE OF SUFFERING

## **SUGGESTIONS FOR SUFFERERS, I PETER 4:12-19**

- Know that God loves you! 4:12.
- Accept the love and support of other believers, 4:12.
- Expect trials! Don't be surprised!, 4:12.
- Acknowledge it! "Fiery ordeal"!, 4:12
- Recognize God's purpose, "for your testing," 4:12



## **SUGGESTIONS FOR SUFFERERS, I PETER 4:12-19**

- Don't feel 'singled out,' 4:12.
- Recognize the true "target" of the attack, 4:13.
- Rejoice!, 4:13
- Realize that suffering is not forever!, 4:13.
- Focus on your future reward, 4:13.
- Recognize your blessing, 4:14.

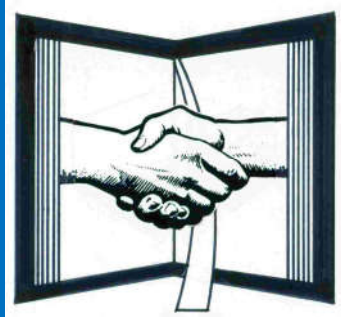
## **SUGGESTIONS FOR SUFFERERS, I PETER 4:12-19**

- Avoid unnecessary suffering, 4:15.
- Don't feel ashamed, 4:16.
- Glorify God!, 4:16.
- Examine your life, 4:17-18.
- Recognize that some suffering is in God's will for us, 4:19.

# **SUGGESTIONS FOR SUFFERERS, I PETER 4:12-19**

- Entrust your soul to God, 4:19.
- Recognize that God is still faithful, 4:19.
- Keep doing what is right!, 4:19.

We need to live **HOLY AND**  
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**In Spite of Suffering!**



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