

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

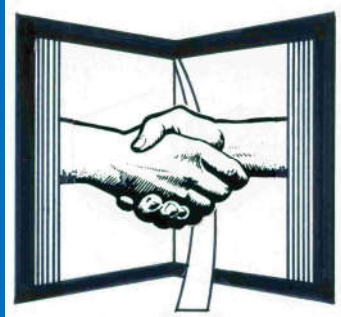
- ✓ Personally knowing God as your Father, 1:17.
- ✓ Knowing The Word, 1:22-2:3.
- ✓ Being in Fellowship With Other Believers,
1:22-2:3.

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.



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