

I PETER:
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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.

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 - ✓ Moses
 - ✓ Job
 - ✓ David
 - ✓ Asaph
 - ✓ Jeremiah
 - ✓ Jesus

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- Keep doing what is right!, 4:19.
 - ✓ I Peter 2:21-23
 - ✓ I Peter 3:9

We need to live **HOLY AND
HOPE-FILLED LIVES,
In Spite of Suffering!**

INTRODUCTION TO ELDERS, I PETER 5:1-5

Who is speaking? Peter!

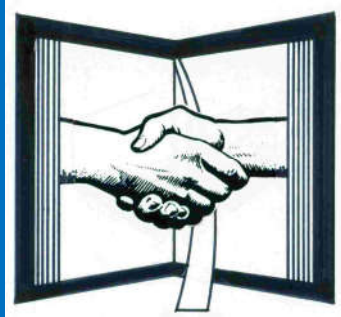
- Fellow-Elder!
- Witness of the sufferings of Christ!
- Partaker of the glory that is to be revealed!

INTRODUCTION TO ELDERS, I PETER 5:1-5

To Whom is he speaking? “The Elders Among you!”

- **Elder** is from “presbuteros”!
- Those who **Shepherd** the flock
- “Those exercising oversight” (**Overseeing**)
from “episkopeō”
“Elders,” “Overseers” (“bishops,” in KJV) and
“Pastors” (“shepherds”) all refer to the same men,
but emphasize different aspects of their roles!

In order to live **HOLY AND HOPE-FILLED LIVES**, in the midst of a hostile culture, we need to be actively involved in our local church, which needs strong and godly leadership.



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