



# LIVING IN A STRANGE LAND

*A Journey Through 1 Peter*

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## Exile Living 1 Peter 2:11-17

What do you do when the world around you has changed?

Exiles - staying for awhile in a strange land

Beloved - one loved by God and me

apecho - be away from

The passions - to strongly desire to have what belongs to someone else

The flesh - the desires which one's body has or what the body wants

echo - keep, have, hold.

The day of visitation - in mercy or in judgement?

"Peter emphasizes that these socially excluded Christians should provide no basis whatsoever for those above them and those against them to persecute them or accuse them of improper behavior." - Scot McKnight

Conflict in society is won by doing good not by aggressive behavior.

hypotasso - to submit to the orders or directives of someone. Submission involving recognition of an ordered structure, of an entity to whom appropriate respect is shown.

hypotasso - is used as an imperative in the middle voice. Peter is saying that we choose to subject ourselves.

Why do we freely subject ourselves then?

- For the Lord's sake
- For the day of visitation

The emperor was supreme "the one who controls" the Mediterranean world.

Every human institution - every human creation

Emperors, governors, and human institutions were put in place to enact God's justice and judgment.

By doing good we silence the foolish.

We are freed to serve.

Let our motto be:

- Honor everyone.
- Love the brotherhood.
- Fear God.
- Honor the emperor.

Let not our motto be:

- Dishonor everyone.
- Hate our brothers and sisters in Christ who think differently about non-essential things.
- Believe in Deism.
- Dishonor all human institutions..

**Big Idea:** Live honorably in every way and trust God to make things right.

**Memory Verse:** “Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.” - 1 Peter 2:16 (ESV)

**Further Study:**

**Read:** 1 Peter 2:11-17 in your group or with at least one other person.

1. Have someone read it while everyone reads along.
2. Have someone else read it while everyone else listens.
3. Have someone recount the text from memory in their own words.

**Discuss:**

1. What does the passage reveal about God?
2. What does the passage reveal about humanity?

**Act:**

1. If this passage is from God, what should change about how you live?
2. Who needs to hear the truth of this Scripture that you can share it with this week? Identify a time this week when you might have the opportunity to share with them.