

Scripture: Ten Commandments (Ex. 20) & 1 Peter 2

Singing: 51 – 89:1-2 – 398 – 280:1-2 – 82

Intro: Let familiarity with the Gospel never breed contempt!

A. Peter's letter draws our hearts again to this astonishing Gospel

1. Not only is it the means to comfort the burdened heart: Is. 40:1-2
  
2. The Gospel is also the means to transform a sinful heart: 2 Cor. 3:18
  - a. God calls us to a new life (1 Peter 2:21a)

**PETER'S SERMON ABOUT JESUS' SUFFERING**

I. Our Lord suffered for us in bearing our sins

II. Our Lord patterned for us how to handle suffering in our sinful world

**I. OUR LORD SUFFERED FOR US IN BEARING OUR SINS**

A. What is the Gospel?

1. He suffered for all our sins during His life and death
  
2. He bore our sins on the cross (vs. 24)
  
3. His stripes bring us healing (Ps. 103:3)

B. Reflection: *How much do we graze in the green pastures of Jesus' love for us?*

**II. OUR LORD PATTERNED FOR US HOW TO HANDLE SUFFERING IN OUR SINFUL WORLD**

A. Jesus' sufferings for us are also to be our inspiration or exhortation

1. Jesus' sufferings are *our example* on how to suffer (21b)
  - a. compare Matt. 5:48; Luke 6:36; Eph. 4:32; 5:1

2. Jesus' reactions to sufferings are the footprints we are to step into (21c)

B. Peter warned about inviting suffering due to our own sins (vs. 19-20, 22)

1. God has clearly warned: *sin and suffering are cause and effect* (Gal. 6:7-8)

2. Yet Jesus added a warning: *godliness in this world also brings suffering*  
(1 Peter 2:19; Matt. 10:22a, 24-25)

C. The details of our response to suffering experienced for doing well

1. Don't revile in return when people revile you or threaten (vs. 23)

2. Commit all things to God Who judges righteously

3. Continue to remember what we were before we became God's saints: 25

Reflect: *Let uprightness and integrity preserve me: for I wait on thee* (Ps. 25:21)