

INTRODUCTION

We will experience two kinds of “masters” in society: (v18) “good and gentle” and “overbearing.”

This lesson looks at the Christian in (v19) “a man for conscience toward God (is mindful of God) endure grief (troubles), suffering wrongfully (unjustly)”

1. WHY SHOULD I PATIENTLY “SUFFER UNJUSTLY”?

(v19) “For this is thankworthy” - get a “thanks” from God.

(v20) “This is acceptable with God” - in suffering innocently, we have God’s approval.

(v21) “For hereunto were you called” - it’s an attitude in Christian living.

“Christ suffered” - Jesus led the way in this; it’s “follow-the-leader”.

“An example” - pattern; blueprint; model; copy; “follow his steps.”

So, when “suffering unjustly,” ask, “What did Jesus do?”

2. THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST

(v22) “Who did no sin” - (Acts 10:38; Luke 23:41)

When “suffering unjustly,” don’t do sin.

(v22) “Neither was guile found in his mouth”

Jesus: (John 14:6) “the truth;” meaning, there’s no deceit, subtlety, or cunning.

Us: (1 Peter 3:10) “refrain his tongue from evil, lips that they speak no guile.”

(v23) “When he was reviled, reviled not” - didn’t return profane or abusive speech.

(Col. 4:6; James 1:19; James 3:10)

(v23) “When he suffered, he threatened not” - an immediate angry vengeance.

Don’t have a “get even” or “retaliate” spirit: (1 Peter 3:9)

(v23) “But committed himself to him that judges righteously” - (Heb. 10:30-31)

Trust that God’s prescribed plan will work.