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[Music] well greetings Brethren and welcome to another Wednesday night bible study where we study the scriptures together line upon line uh this evening God

willing will finish off uh first Peter 4. let's start a third segment of First Peter 4 and I think we'll also conclude chapter five which means we will have concluded uh the first Epistle of Peter and then God willing will cover the Second Epistle next week thank you so much for coming please confirm that I'm coming through loudly and clearly I see a cool Nick Rosebud 1918 brother Jeff pastor Murray pep Square Rick four Christy Romine thank you so much I'll just open with prayer and if you can just confirm that I'm coming through loudly and clearly our heavenly father

we come before you just ever so grateful Lord for the grace of the Lord Jesus which is upon us it's just amazing father how human beings made in your likeness in your image can be so easily degraded by these demonic forces we thank you Lord for preserving us from this degradation this depravity and we thank you Father for giving us the honor of carrying the name of Jesus Christ we pray Lord that you'll help us to continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and also Father

help us to grow in the love for one another your scripture says that if a man says he loves God but hates his brother he's a liar and so father we do not want to be found Liars we want to be

found the true expression of a god of love and father we also just at this time pray for our sister jacinta who is certainly in a bad way but very faithful we just thank you God for her strength of faith and we pray Lord that you will comfort her with the comfort that

surpasses all understanding and that you'll bless her faithfulness Lord and bless her with healing we praise you

father we ask for your blessing on our study now and we ask this in the mighty name of Jesus Christ amen so yes

Brethren if you don't mind uh we say a prayer for our sister Jacinda she is struggling very very weak struggling but not weak in faith very strong in her faith her name is Jacinda jacinta Langley if you can remember her in your prayers let's get into the study for this evening I'll go ahead and share my screen oh it's backwards I cannot do that I don't know why it does that sometimes we're going to have to do this another way let me make sure I can share it this way that's really strange

um sometimes I'll just while we're doing that I'm just gonna pardon me I'm just gonna unplug this and plug it back in

and see if that will change our situation I'd rather share through my camera if I can just give me one moment

okay that did not make a difference and I did say I was going to check the chat to make sure that I'm coming through a beautiful member pasta Murray thanks for making the sister's name uh clear for everybody sound is good thanks uh pep Square okay let me see if I can share my screen this way and I can one way or another we will do this all right so um I want to continue we got we're really at verse 12 of chapter four it's just hard to just jump in without the context so I'm just going to go back up Peter is a book about suffering uh this then it intensifies as we go through the various chapters so we're getting more and more into suffering and this uh this Apostle uh this was the apostle that was afraid to suffer this was the apostle that betrayed Christ three times because of care of self and he has just totally changed pastor Murray gave a sermon some years ago showing the maturity of the Apostle how he went from being this fearful human uh to being this very very powerful apostle that was willing to be sacrificed for Christ and is now encouraging the rest of us who have been called into this High priesthood uh this this uh priesthood of the melchizedekian order as part of the body of Christ to offer up spiritual sacrifices which may include our own demise so let's just go back a couple of verses we'll pick up before we get into chapter four beginning in verse 12. we're encouraged to verse 8 to be of one mind and having to have compassion on one another uh and to love his Brethren and to be pitiful be courteous this this counts or this meditation that pastor Murray is taking us through uh through the count to Pentecost very very important extremely important that we learn how to how to love one another how to be together in Christ and I remember he gave this sermon years ago when we first started our congregation and it was it impacted me so much I had never put all those scriptures together and to get them all in one shot in one sermon We Made It part of our constitution as we were building our congregation in Burlington and uh I just can't emphasize enough how important it is for us to understand and not just understand but to obey these one another alalan uh scriptures as pastor Murray is uh helping us through this meditation as we count towards Pentecost but here's one of them to to have compassion uh one of another love is Brethren B pitiful B courteous and actually I don't know if this is an alelan scripture it might not be but it certainly is in the context no it is not one of the scriptures but it is in the same vein of how we conduct ourselves with one another be of one mind have compassion one of another uh love is Brethren be pitiful be courteous not rendering evil for evil this is such an important verse we cannot read over this in the end time this is uh this is advice for us as Christians in the end time don't render evil for evil in other words let me see

if I can make this clear as we approach the return of Christ
brethren in the body of Christ in the Covenant Community will be engaged in
evil and and we will suffer at one another's hands we will be biting and devouring
one another because of the Demonic influence in the body of Christ
those of us who are really committed to Christ even though there may be Terrors Among
Us we cannot render evil for evil so if you've been harmed if you've been
persecuted if you've been subjected to evil in the body of Christ don't be alarmed just don't
render evil for evil
or railing for railing this is think of this as part of the priesthood training where this is the
spiritual sacrifice or
part of the spiritual sacrifice sacrifices that we are to offer up on
the other hand contrary wise blessing when you experience evil when you
experience railing that's the time to pray for that brother or a sister that's the time to bless that
brother or sister
knowing that you are there unto called this is you are called into the
melchizedekian order of priesthood and therefore be prepared to offer up
spiritual sacrifices let your call to this that you should inherit a blessing
that this this is how we conform ourselves to the mind of Christ and and
become prepared to serve with Christ for he that would that will love life
quoting the psalm here and see good days in Eternal days let him refrain his tongue from evil
don't get into it let's let's have that governor on our tongue that ability to control ourselves
don't allow your tongue to say the things that may be out of a carnal way you might
react refrain your tongue from evil and his lips that they speak no guile in
other words guile will be spoken in the body of Christ in the end time we cannot
participate in it let him avoid evil and do good let him
seek peace and pursue it for the eyes of the Lord are over
the righteous so in the end time
there's going to be a lot of prayers going up to God
and a lot of these prayers will be rejected a lot of these prayers because of the
breakdown of marriages because of abuse biting and devouring one another in the
body of Christ and then we come before God and we offer our prayers not realizing that they're
being rejected on
the other hand if we are obeying Christ and we are building strong marriages and
strong families and strong congregational families and and obeying Christ's commands and
instructions not
to speak evil not to speak guile not to be hypocritical but doing everything
that the Lord commands his ears are open unto those prayers
what about everybody else well he tells us but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil
and this is this is
the Covenant Community that there's evil being done brother shall betray brother but it doesn't
just happen overnight
it grows gradually and these people are cutting themselves
off from God without realizing it because they're going through the motion remember they're
the Pharisee oh God I

thank you that I'm not like other men and and praying to God and just feeling that so Superior and yet God was not with him so we have to have this humility where we are obeying the word of God we're discerning because he told us he warned us to beware and discern but at the same time we have humility he says dropping down to verse 16 having a good conscience that whereas they speak evil of you as of evildoers they hate you you you are you're coming into condemnation you're not like what are we doing wrong here we're just trying to obey the Lord no we are seen as evil and spoken of as evildoers and you can see even the broader Society everything is upside down if you believe in what do they call it gender affirming care we used to call it genital mutilation we used to see it as just horrendous and horrific now if you see it as horrendous and horrific you're a bigot you're not providing support you're causing people to commit suicide and so there's just this whole sale of work to destroy children and to subject them to pedophilia and this is seen as righteous and standing up against this evil is seen as evil this is the world we live in and this this society that we're in this evil Society it's spilling into the church we bring it with us into the our perception gets skewed and we bring this evil into the church not even realizing it because we kind of uh measure ourselves against the broader society and we get influenced by some of it and bring it into the church without realizing it so don't be surprised then if we are just criticized deeply and ostracized Christ says that's how they treated the prophets before you so that's how it's going to be but if we do what God commands in the end it all works out and they will be ashamed that falsely accuse you these are false accusations and in the end God is going to show everything and they'll be ashamed of and that accuse your Good Conduct in Christ you're doing what Christ commands and yet you're the evil one now let's go through this why because it's better if the will of God be so God knows what he's doing we have to just submit ourselves to his will sometimes situations are confusing to us we just need to know we're in the will of God and if it be so with respect to the will of God it's better for you that you suffer for well-doing than for evildoing meaning there's going to be evil doing in the body of Christ there will be evil doing in the body of Christ before he returns and there will be suffering associated with that so if we have to suffer for well-doing that's actually a better place to be than to be in the body participating in evil doing and have to suffer for that so this is context for Christ now this is all training we're in this high priest Academy we're learning how to be the body of the high priest that of the melchizedekian

order we are a royal priesthood a holy nation
and we have to learn to offer up spiritual sacrifices so it's better for us if we have to suffer for
well doing
it according to God's will that's our lot it's better because it's part of our training because
remember Christ also
has once suffered for sins the just for the unjust he didn't suffer because he
did wrong he did right and suffered for the unjust and in the same way then as part of his
body is part in this training program we need to learn how to suffer when we are
when we are just it's confusing we didn't do anything wrong and yet we're suffering yes
exactly that's part of this melchizedekian priesthood training the just for the unjust that he might
bring
us to God being put to death in the flesh but quickened by the spirit and so
throughout this and talking to the wives who are married unequally yoked married
to unconverted husbands and then talking to the husbands and it's all about this understanding
of the melchizedekian
order of priesthood training to learn how to suffer for righteousness
sake to learn how to suffer wrongfully now we come into chapter four and we
covered this last week but just for the continuity we'll pick up in chapter 12. he says for as much
then as Christ has
suffered for us in the flesh arm yourselves likewise you royal priesthood
you members of the body of the melchizedekian priest high priest
conform your mind to Christ and arm yourself likewise this is a
battle but it's a spiritual battle and you need to understand what's going on you need to have the
right narrative
so that you can interpret events properly it's going to be quite shocking if Brethren turn against
us and maybe
turn us over to authorities that then persecute us relentlessly this is all bizarre it
doesn't make any sense we're doing what's good well arm yourselves for the spiritual battle
see the world spiritually get up above the carnal level the
natural human and and see it Through The Eyes of Christ for as much then as you're part of the
body and you're going through this training for as much then as Christ has suffered for us in the
flesh arm
yourselves likewise that our suffering is going to be for others our suffering is going to prepare
us to fulfill this role particularly Israel and then through
Israel the rest of the world we need to arm ourselves likewise with the same mind as Christ
for he that has suffered In the Flesh has ceased from sin and we talked about the this incredible
way that suffering
focuses the mind and how abundance can lead to complacency and so Christians
actually fare better spiritually in a time of suffering often than they do in
a time of abundance and we are certainly entering into a time of suffering dropping down to
verse 7 the end of all
things is at hand and Peter as he was looking at what was
happening and the persecution that was coming on the church and all the prophecies he
understood it's like um I

don't know if you've ever run a marathon but I used to run half marathons and and with three-quarter but as you're running this long race it's grueling and this this Walk we're in this training we're in it's America it's not a Sprint it's a marathon you know there are though that that soil that Christ would sow the seed upon and it would spring up very quickly and then because it had no root it would just wither away and it could not produce we we have to produce over the long term so this is the marathon that we're running and you have aches and pains and you just it's your remember this um this saying and running the Mind leads the body the Mind leads the body so whatever the body's complaining about it's the decision to keep going that's what we have we just have to run by the mind not by the aches and pains in the body and the mind leads the body is a great saying because the mind is Christ is the mind he's the head and he's leading the body and since for all the aches and pains we just have to keep going keep going but it's a funny thing you're experiencing these aches and pains and you just want to stop it you keep going and you turn the corner or turn the corner and suddenly see the finish line and all of a sudden all this energy just came back and say okay now I can really just all the pains just disappear because you see the finish line and I think that's what Peter's really alluding to here that all of the obstacles between where we are and the finish the end of all things those obstacles have been removed with the death burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ and him presenting himself to the father and being accepted and going to the Demonic world and proclaiming victory uh over the Demonic world now we can see the Finish Line yes we still have to run yes there's still some distance to cover but the finish line is right there and so I think that's the way we should see this is the end of all things is at hand and we've been running this marathon and now it really is the Finish Line really is at hand be you therefore sober and watch unto prayer and the implication is it's it's easy now for Brethren to Fall Away it's easy for Brethren to become spiritually silly and spiritually superficial and we need to have a sense of uh gravitas about us we need to have a just a a very sober approach to life it's not to say we can't have fun we can't have Recreation of course those things are healthy but behind it all there's a sobriety we're not drunk and we're not superficial we're not handling the the word of God deceitfully and we're not what does the scripture talk about I think Peter talks about this cloak of maliciousness we're not covered in a cloak of maliciousness where we say the right things and we look the part but inside

is just the natural man the carnal nature no we're we're sober yes we're enjoying life we're enjoying our family and friends and and uh Brethren but there's a sobriety about us because we understand the time that we are living in and watch on to prayer

so there's this this connection with the Lord as we are going through this marathon and above all things your highest priority make your highest priority be he says and above all things have fervent agape among yourselves

this is another of those one another it comes out in India alelan scriptures but this is It ultimately this is it

this is your highest above all things this is the make this your first priority because if you say you love God

and Satan gets in the way he did with Judas and you end up hating your brother you know what if it's me if it's you

we're lying we're Liars somehow Agape says for agape shall cover the multitude of sins there's nothing that Agape can't handle so if we all have this fervent Agape as

the devil takes his blows and shoots his darts it's not going to throw us off course we take it in stride and we

frustrate the demons because they thought that would derail us but it didn't derail us instead of railing we blessed instead of rendering evil we blessed why because Agape covers a multitude of sins and we have the instructions we know what to do when we're sinned against we go to Matthew 18

and we know how to do that now use Hospitality one to another without grudging and this again it's not their leilan a pastor Mary maybe would be an interesting study to do these other one

another scriptures that are not alelan but they tend to imply you're you do it to yourself you know you're this is the body of Christ edifying itself might be an interesting interesting study but we have to use hospitality and the type of hospitality Peter's talking about is not the way we think of hospitality where we have Brethren over for a couple of hours maybe three hours and then they leave and we are very hospitable and the Brethren are very grateful no he's

talking about having people over three or four months and then they leave and to be able to do that without grudging and there were Brethren that we're doing that and it was necessary and it might be necessary again in the future we may not we saw

that whole lockdown where if you were not uh injected you couldn't stay at a hotel but maybe the Brethren still need Ministry they still need shepherding and so Brethren Maine and we may need to do this at first for some time and so to use this Hospitality knowing

that there's a great blessing behind it and then he says this as every man has received the gift even so Minister the same one to another and there's that edification again even so Minister the same one to another as good stewards of the varied manifold grace of God the grace of God is Not monochrome the grace of God is Not singular it's diverse and so we can't be looking at each other

and saying oh I wish I was more like that person or I wish that person was more like me we're all different
and the grace of God manifests itself differently through all of us and what we need to do is understand how
has the grace of God been given to me and how is it manifested through me for the edification of the brethren and so we need to be sober about the gift that we've received and it goes on to say if any man speak let him speak as if as of the Oracles of God meaning
if we are gifted with this ability to speak or this ability to teach or to preach put in the work put in the work pursue that gift
and don't be lazy and if that's not our gift don't pretend that it is don't be going up on the podium and pretending you have this gift when you don't because the Brethren need this this is spiritual food
and the Brethren need to be nourished and if all you can do is give them cotton candy and and malnourish them you're not you're not doing us any favors when you had another gift that you should have pursued that gift and that would have edified the brethren but we have a way with our egos of
wanting those to to pursue those opportunities of service that are very obvious it's just that so we have this sort of double-edged sword where we can we can be slain either way
one is we don't have this gift but we want to be upfront we realize that oh all eyes are on the person up front so we want to be upfront we don't have the gift and we end up destroying the body of Christ
over time the other is we have the gift and then it goes to our head and we we become puffed up and we we reckon ourselves more than we ought to so somehow we have to have this sobriety where we Brethren will tell us how they are edified and if you hear it over and over it's not you saying this is my gift it's Brethren telling you wow I was so blessed by this service that you provided and you hear it over and over again okay maybe there's something here and maybe I need to pursue this in hone
this and so we talked about that last week now we come to where we want to get to to finish chapter four
beloved beloved think it not strange
concerning the fiery trial which is to try you
as though some strange thing happened unto you okay so this uh strange thing that don't don't think it's strange as if some strange thing happened to you this is a xenos and we
get this word xenophobia what is xenophobia it's when you have foreign people come to your land
and you're afraid of them they're bizarre you don't understand them and and this is a form of kind of racism or
Prejudice because you don't understand them so what the Apostle is saying first of all he starts to beloved you know uh you are loved you are part of this Covenant Community God is in Covenant Love With You he cannot turn his back on you

he's in Covenant Love with You beloved don't think it's strange
strange meaning don't think that a foreigner has arrived
it's like this is bizarre who's this I wasn't expecting this I wasn't expecting company
who's the strength oh well they're just maybe they're just they were just asking for directions
and they're gonna leave
no this person this strange guest has
arrived right on time and they've come to the right address they've come to your door which is
the right address and
they'll be staying a while don't think don't don't think they're a strange guest they're a foreigner
no
this is part of the package of being trained as a royal priest
being trained to offer up spiritual sacrifices and so there is a fiery trial
which is to test you to see are you truly in the faith so don't think it's strange as though as
if some strange thing some something that's unexpected has happened to you no this is part of
the package so when this happens and there's a scripture that says that
everyone who intends to live Godly in Christ shall suffer persecution
so it's part of the package and it's coming it's coming in intensely coming
and again I I kind of feel like Peter in a way where I felt like I was hoping to avoid this and then
we have to just
change gears and realize no we can't avoid this we have to face this we were born for this we
have to face this
head-on with courage and faith well Winston Churchill said that courage
is the most important virtue for all the others depend upon it what wisdom
you might have great virtue in other areas but like Peter if we're fearful we will
betray and all of those other virtues will mean nothing so wonderful that we have these other
virtues but courage is the Capstone virtue so let's have courage let's face this
fiery trial let's accept it as par for the course and instead of panicking and thinking
it's strange and this is this why is this happening to me instead rejoice
be full of joy see things spiritually rise up above the the natural mind and
look at it through the mind of Christ and rejoice in as much as you are
partakers of Christ's sufferings so Christ is suffering
and this word partakers is Koinonia or from Koinonia it's Fellowship you're
part of the fellowship of Christ's suffering meaning we have a share we're like shareholders in
the
suffering of Christ hey wait a minute it's like hey ground floor opportunity this company is
going to be big or you
know right now it's just there's five of us that are starting this company it's going to be worth
billions of dollars and this is your opportunity to have a
share in in the growth of this company and then when it when it's worth billions of
dollars and you cash out you've become a multi-billionaire that's what's happening spiritually
this is a ground floor opportunity and it's a handful of us
and it's the father's good pleasure to give us the kingdom little flock because we are we are we
have a share in the
sufferings of Christ we're part of the Koinonia we're part of the fellowship of these sufferings

that when his glory shall be revealed you may be glad also with exceeding Joy
so there's a suffering involved and a sacrifice involved in a startup
and maybe you're working around the clock and you just don't have any time for anything and
there's a lot of suffering
in a startup but when they when they have the the IPO and they go public oh
everybody rejoices that's that stuck with it it's like that's a great analogy for what we're involved
in here there's
a work where felt we have Fellowship in the sufferings and we'll have Fellowship in the glory
that's what he's saying here in John 16 in terms of this
Fellowship in the sufferings Christ taught Peter this he says these things I've spoken unto you
that you should not be offended the suffering this this fiery trial is
coming and Brethren are going to get offended especially if they haven't been trained
if they haven't been prepared they're going to get offended and they're going to betray I'm going
to
hate one another but Christ is saying I'm preparing you
you are part of this melchizedekian order and I'm preparing you so that you're not
surprised and you're not caught off guard but instead you understand this is your share
you're in the Koinonia you're in the fellowship you're part of this ground floor opportunity these
things I've
spoken unto you that you should not be offended truly truly
there's no way around this this is this is the Lord speaking truly truly I'm telling you I
say unto you that you shall weep and Lament
this is an evil world as it was in the days of Noah so shall
it be in the days of the return of Christ that wickedness that was in the Earth
that that violence that sexual depravity
that demonic intensity that was in the days of Noah
that's the that's exactly what's going to happen before Christ returns or as Christ is
returning in the time of Christ's return it's a it's exactly as in the days of Noah
and they were marrying and giving they had no idea they were just happy it was like what's that
the Frog boiling
analogy as the evil intensifies because it came up kind of gradually people don't notice
there's business as usual but those of us that notice and say I
want nothing to do with this depravity this is evil and we're not afraid to call it out no
we will not conform to your community guidelines that's that's nonsense
we will conform to Torah and if we have to call out evil through the power of the Holy Spirit
we'll call
out evil through the power of the Holy Spirit consequences be they what they may be
that's not our that's not our business our business is to preach the gospel our business is to speak
the Oracles of
God and then whatever happens happens it's not like we're gonna try to conform to your
guidelines
that come from your father the devil and you want us to conform to it I'm sorry no the World
Health Organization
who who is authorizing pedophilia inclusion with the the United Nations

and all of these World organizations that are bringing doctrines of demons into the Earth and into the church no we will not conform as a result Christ is saying good because of your commitment to me in an evil world as in the times of Noah you shall weep and Lament but the world in Conformity with the devil shall rejoice and you shall be sorrowful this is the reality of the Christian in the end time however but whenever you see the word but whenever you hear the word but whatever came before it you can completely discount you can erase whatever comes before the word but it's a negation so all of that the fact that we'll weep and lament the fact that the world will rejoice all of that comes before the word but and so when you hear the word but erase all of that the world's joy and our suffering it's temporary and it's gone what is permanent is what comes after the word but your sorrow shall be turned into Joy these spiritual sacrifices that we are making they are shaping us into Being Fit for purpose and to serve with Christ and so all of this suffering is going to turn into Eternal Joy John John says in first John and first 2 15 love not the world as we are heading into this the this this time of the days of Noah this intensification of evil be careful brethren not to soften and and feel like you're loving the world you know do we love the world the way Christ loved the world yeah we do we need to understand Christ and we need to understand just how angry he is with this world how he he cannot wait to be released to destroy this world and we cannot be deceived into thinking God has this cuddly relationship with the world and therefore we should have this cuddly relationship with the world no this is agape Agape is not it's not sloppy Agape sloppy Agape is this it's it's devoid of Torah understanding and it's just like whatever anybody does I just love them it's just so permissive and it's just so all inclusive and it's so diversity equity and inclusion and it's just this sloppy a copy that's not what the Bible teaches love not the world I have a very clear demarcation between the Covenant Community and the world and understand that the world is destined for destruction from God himself from Christ himself love not the world neither the things that are in the world if any man loved the world the love of the father is not in him let's be clear there's no way around this if we are cozying up to this evil world look if you want any proof that the world is evil read that or that that that um report that I shared with you a couple of weeks ago from the United Nations March 8. and and how they want to change the criminal system around the world so that evil is honored and and following the Bible is criminalized and children are being sacrificed to Demons actually sacrifice to Demons and pedophilia is being authorized and promoted and then you want to have this cuddly who yes I love the world

no no no now we conduct ourselves beautifully with Grace
I'm very aware of this world and yet I have a beautiful physical family and I love my physical family I
have beautiful neighbors I love the relationship I have with my neighbors I have beautiful co-workers
the relationship I love the relationship that I have with them so that's that's we we need to be a light but at the same time we need to be very clear of the intense anger that Christ has with this world and and be very clear do we love Israel
the way God loves Israel or do we just skip over Israel is it that oh God loves us and God loves the world and then he's going to come and just give the world a big hug and kiss and in all of this ideology there is no place for Israel
there is no place for the Covenant that God has with Judah we just go straight from us to the world
the question is do we love Israel do we love Judah the way God loves Israel the way God loves Judah do we understand what God is doing
love not the world Brethren this is the time of Noah the day the evil in the days of Noah neither the things that are in the world if any man loved the world the love of the father is not in him for all that is
in the world the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life and all of this is intensified they're marrying and giving and married business as usual this is business this
is the world's business as usual lust of the flesh lust of the eyes pride of life all of that is not of the father it's of the world and the Covenant Community has to operate in Conformity to the mind of Christ not of the world and the world passes away so all of that
joy that they have in in our suffering we're suffering and they're rejoicing it's all passing away and it's all going
to be reversed the world passes away in the lust thereof but he that does the will of God abides forever remember
Christ is going to say to to people oh we loved you we served you didn't we do this didn't we do that weren't we good
to this person and that person Christ is going to say depart from me you workers of iniquity I've never I
never knew you he says that his his mother and his brother are those that do the will of God to do the will of God you have to know the will of God it doesn't it doesn't just drop out of the sky so you know I
was just walking to work one day and suddenly it hit me what the will of God is that's not how it works
we must be taught the will of God that's why we need teachers that's why we need people who love Torah
who can go into Torah and help us understand the Epistles so that we can do the will of God and by implication it's not easy it's not known widely and even when it is known it's not done but God is looking we're being tested this this fiery trial is to test us to see if indeed we love to do the will of God here in Psalms

chapter 7 and verse 11 Psalms are in the archive but here let's be clear
God judges the righteous excuse me
God judges the righteous and if we are indeed righteous what Peter says is the eyes of the Lord
are
over the righteous and so he judges to defend us he will defend us
on the other hand God is angry with the wicked every day
let's be clear about that and let's not let's not fall into this uh stupor let's not start dozing off
and not realize how different the Covenant Community is from the world
let's not start dozing off and realizing the obligation we have
to love one another in Covenant at a completely different level
than our love for the world let's not start dozing off God is angry with the wicked every day
we're not judging the
wicked to condemn them that's not that's above our pay grade but we are aware they are they are
involved in some deep
wickedness they are on the wavelength of the devil and God has moved us removed us from
that and put us on the
wavelength of the savior in Acts 2 and verse 40
Peter says speaking to the early church and with many other words did he testify
and exhort saying save yourselves
from this untoward generation that's the message in this time of the days of Noah
don't don't get sloppy in your agape don't doze off stay alert be sober
and realize this is a perverse generation and we need to save ourselves from it
so let's not get into this kind of softening just everything's great and everybody's great you're I'm
okay you're okay
no it's not okay and God is angry with the wicked every day and we need we want
this Passover where that wrath passes over us because we recognize this is this is not
the will of God we're in the will of God back to First Peter 4. if you be
reproached for the name of Christ which again Christ taught him that
Matthew 24 you will be hated of all Nations for my name's sake
we have to be in Torah to understand what does this mean what does the name of Christ mean
and
how does Our Gospel incorporate the name of Christ and then why why is it that we cannot
get along we cannot fit we cannot conform
to community guidelines when there's no such thing there's no community
there's just totalitarianism that they want us to conform to why is it we can't get along with them
what is it about the name of Christ that they find so so uh just distasteful
well we're gonna live it if we're reproached for the name of
Pride you're blessed this is part of the training of as a royal priesthood understanding the name
of Christ that we
carry and if we're reproached for this name we're blessed for the spirit of glory
and of God rests upon you this is again that spiritual perception that we have
to have on their part he is blasphemed
but on your part he is glorified this is that that Koinonia

that Fellowship we have not only in the suffering but we have Fellowship in the glory as well and what Satan is doing to the world today as he did in the days of Noah our perception is completely being warped that if we are following The Narrative of the Bible of the Torah we don't see with our eyes we see through our narratives and if we depart from The Narrative of the Torah and we begin to adopt the narrative influenced by the world then we can't see straight good becomes evil and evil becomes good but as long as we understand the Torah narrative and the true plan of God and we don't have a Salvation narrative that excludes God's absolute committed love for Israel as long as as long as we see clearly then we're going to preach the name of Christ clearly and no matter what we suffer we are blessed and the spirit of glory and the spirit of glory and of God will rest upon us and again because of this shift in perception we see clearly by God's grace the world does not and those Among Us who are influenced by the world also don't see clearly but let none of you so so we will suffer for the name of Christ but let none of you suffer none of you Royal priests you priests being trained in the melchizedeki in order offering up spiritual sacrifices let none of you suffer as a murderer he's speaking to the church he's speaking to the Covenant Community and he's saying don't suffer as a murderer or as a thief or as an evil doer or as a busybody in other men's matters now this last one busybody and other men's matters I understand that easily okay speaking to the Covenant Community and just the nature of Being Human it's easy for us to get into other people's business and then you know we get too deep into stuff that doesn't concern us and then we end up suffering for it because we were busybodies that's sort of the natural human way of things and even though we have the Holy Spirit I get it what I struggle to understand is why would we suffer as a murderer or why would we suffer as a thief or as an evil well even as an evil doer given everything else that the Apostle has said I can kind of get that too that within the Covenant Community Christ is a stumbling block he's a rock of offense and because we're not going to follow what he truly instructs us to do but we're going to make up this sort of fake Christ who just loves everybody and has no anger I can see how we end up getting skewed and doing evil so I get that but a murder or a thief speaking to the Covenant Community why would we suffer as a murderer well in the first century this is the type of persecution the church was suffering from Saul yet breathing out threatenings and Slaughter against the Disciples of the Lord went unto the high priest to get authorization to continue to hunt down Christians and slaughter them not to mention what the Romans were already doing to the Jews and to those who followed Christ so there is murder involved in following Christ in terms of being victims

and if that comes close to you especially you know for our brethren in the states who are able to arm themselves it's one thing to in the moment defend your family it's another thing to have premeditated murder that this wickedness this violence in the days of Noah that's now all around us and and we're just walking down the street and and we see a loved one or a brother or sister being stabbed to death or shot to death and you have you have arms and in the moment you couldn't do anything but you go home and you're so hurt and so angry that you then figure out how you can retaliate and you figure out where that person where that perpetrator lives or whatever the case is where they may work or something and you kill them out of Revenge and then you get caught and now you're suffering as a murderer and so what this is saying is the the persecution against the followers of Christ is going to be so unfair and so intense and so prevalent that we cannot especially the younger men Among Us who you know just have that different manner we cannot be people who take up arms and start killing people in retaliation number one then he says what else did he say he said don't suffer as a mer you you Covenant Brethren beloved don't suffer as a murderer it's going to get intense but don't suffer as a murderer and don't suffer as a thief why would we suffer as a thief we know the law of God we're not going to steal well Revelation tells us no man might buy or sell unless he has the mark or the name of the Beast or the number of his name so if we don't go along if we don't conform to these made up guidelines we're going to get rejected and if we don't actually take the mark and we're being softened we're being softened up so that in the end we're thinking you know it's okay God loves the world it's all right to take the mark we're being softened up so if we take the mark yeah we'll be able to buy and sell we'll be able to eat and drink everything will be fine if we don't take the mark we will be impoverished this uh Central Bank digital currency where if we don't conform to their guidelines they can impoverish us when we're impoverished it's a very different thing around not stealing it's like you're impoverished but you walk by your neighbor and you see they have things that you want and you go and you steal it and you get caught now you're suffering as a thief even though you might have felt justified in doing that so this intense time that Peter is acknowledging that the Brethren are heading into and by extension acknowledging that we who live in the end time we are certainly heading into this we need to be committed to only suffering for the name of Christ we are suffering because of what we Proclaim we speak the truth and we don't back down

and as we speak the truth we grow stronger I think it was a Tucker Carlson uh in the speech that I think got him fired um just before I think we gave the speech on the Friday and he was fired on the Monday in that speech oh no it wasn't in the speech sorry it was after he was fired he gave a a message he sent out a message and he said those who speak the truth he said it's the law of the universe those who speak the truth get stronger and we have to understand that in here like this is uh this is he's not he's not in the Covenant Community but he can observe and see that and even have his own experience that by not backing down by speaking what is true what is this uh book that I spoke about um when I gave the sermon closer than a brother live not by lies that this man I forget his name now but he lived in in communism as communism was taking over and flexing its muscle and totalitarian was just sweeping his country that he said the most important thing is don't live by lies don't say things that you know aren't true and what is that poem by Chesterton who um the Italian Prime Minister when she was elected she quoted I thought it was so powerful she said he's quoting him she said chested and said that the time will come when swords will be drawn to defend the fact that two plus two equals four and that the grass is green this is so insightful from this uh English poet Chesterton who what is this about why do we have to defend the fact that two plus two equals four and that the grass is green because it's about power it's about power and so when they tell you that the man in front of you with a beard and and clearly is a man that when they or even if he doesn't have a beard he's making himself up he's just it's a man with makeup and a dress and when they tell you no this is a woman and you will say it's a woman live not by lies two plus two equals four the grass is green because they just want you to conform to them and then they have power over you but the truth shall set you free so the time is coming he says here verse 17. for the time has come that judgment must begin at the house of God that's the we're being evaluated now this fiery trial is coming to evaluate us are we in fact in the faith the time has come that judgment must begin at the house of God and if it begins if it first begin at us what shall be the end of them that obey not the gospel and and you know I've always read this as them being in the world so if it begins at us the house of God what's the end of them that obey not the gospel beating the world that we're preaching the gospel and they hate the gospel but I think now that I am reading Peter more carefully this also includes those within the body Peter has in fact said in verse 6 of chapter two wherefore also it is contained in the scripture this is in the scripture this is the scripture cannot be broken

behold I lay in Zion in the Covenant Community a Chief Cornerstone elect precious and he that believes on him shall not be confused shall not be confounded so this is the time we're ending this time of the days of Noah if we believe on him will not be confounded we may be we may have sorrow but we won't be confounded unto you therefore in the Covenant Community where he's placed in within Zion unto you therefore which believe he's precious but unto them which are disobedient ah those who what did he say here what will be the end of the disobedient will be the end of those who don't obey the gospel of God will be the end of those within the Covenant Community who are preaching a false gospel and who are following the false gospel who are not obeying Torah who are not obeying the gospel what will be the end of them they've heard the gospel the Cornerstone is within the Covenant Community unto you therefore which believe he's precious but unto them which be disobedient who obey not the gospel of God well the stone which the builders disallowed the builders the Covenant Community we are the builders but there are Builders who have disallowed this Stone they don't want to hear this preach to us smooth things cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us the same is made the head of the coroner and a stone he's not just the head of the coroner but he's also been made a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense even to them which stumble at the word they're hearing the word it's not like they didn't hear it they're hearing it but they're stumbling at it that's offensive that's not my God that's not my Lord my lord loves the whole world God is angry with the wicked every day oh no no no no but that's what the Bible says oh no no no even to them which stumble at the word being disobedient there's a time that we have to proclaim the name of Christ because to not do so is to disobey God we cannot help but preach this gospel being disobedient were unto also they were appointed this is the scripture cannot be broken there is a category within the body that will be offended by Christ there is a category within the body that will betray the body and this is the scripture can't be broken it doesn't have to be us we don't have to be in that category but there will there is an appointment just as there had to be a Judas there was an appointment somebody had to be to fulfill that role okay Christ tells us many are called few are chosen and so if the righteous scarcely be saved where shall the ungodly and The Sinner appear it's it's not it's going to be horrible so yes we will sorrow but that sorrow Brethren will be turned to Joy and and and we will scarcely be saved just by all of God's grace will we be saved but what if people are not taking this seriously what if they're dozing off what if they're rejecting the clear instructions of God wherefore

let them that suffer according to the will of God so whatever comes upon us God is watching us and that fiery trial that comes don't think of it as some strange thing like this shouldn't happen to me no if we're in this priesthood this royal priesthood yeah this is it this is the word says this is this is what the word says the scripture cannot be broken this is part of the package but it's just a part we're we're we have Fellowship in Christ suffering we have Fellowship in his glory wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well-doing this is God's got this commit the keeping of their souls to him in well-doing as unto a faithful Creator and indeed he is a faithful Creator spend a little bit more time in chapter four than I thought I would but I just have to go with how God inspires me and so God willing we we didn't finish uh the epistle first Bissell Peter this week God willing will finish it next week as we cover chapter five let me just do a quick check on the chat to see if there's anything I need to be responding to sister Rosebud says read an article the other day that a European study on those puberty blockers causing bone loss in young people all of these things are just gonna come to light and then God protect us from following these people they're insane they have no idea what they're doing and we can't be following them we have to be following the Torah we need to be teaching them they don't teach us we should be teaching them so very very good brother Jeff thank you what about spiritual murder Joe Petty's asking by our action ruining someone spiritually wow I didn't even my mind didn't even go there I I think that is who okay let's start this study over uh thank you for that that's worth thinking about and again Pastor Marissa taking us through this account of the one another scriptures we need to take it so so seriously because that is a reality what does um Galatians 5 Paul teaches us in Galatians 5 if we bite and devour one another be careful that you don't destroy one another that's spiritual murder so very very good very very insightful thank you so much Brethren don't forget that we are going to be having pastor Murray is going to be speaking to us this sabbath so hopefully you'll be able to join us on the Sabbath and I'm just trying to see if I have the right card here for what we're doing next and I can't find oh that's because it's up here that's right okay so Brethren thanks so much for joining us God willing you'll be able to join us on the Sabbath at 1 30 Eastern time when pastor Murray will be bringing the sermon God bless you beloved we love you thanks so much for all your support and your love for us God bless