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Unit III: GOD’S Call and Its Responsibilities

Subject: An Important Role

Text: 1 Peter 2: 1-10

Key Verse: Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light (1 Peter 2: 9, KJV).

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) Living, Praising Stones (1 Peter 2: 1-5)**
- 2) Light, Precious Stones (1 Peter 2: 6-10)**

Introduction

We all know that talk is cheap but how do one show or prove their loyalty? Well as Christians we are to make willing costly personal sacrifices to bear any significant inconvenience for JESUS CHRIST sake. Why, because we are GOD’S special possession. HIS chosen generation, an royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people that should shew forth the praise of JESUS CHRIST who have called us out of darkness into HIS marvellous light. The LORD have already shown HIS commitment to us. But are we as Christians willing to go all the way to express our gratitude and commitment to our LORD and Savior JESUS CHRIST.

Lesson Pointer # 1

- **Living, Praising Stones (1 Peter 2: 1-5)**

Now, as Christians we are to put aside some things in order to pursue what matters to us most, GOD. You see, there should be no room in a Christians heart for malice (evil actions), guile (dishonesty), hypocrisies (phoniness), envies (covetousness, Jealousy), or even speaking evil (backbiting, slander, strife). It is GOD who commands us who are call HIM their LORD and Savior to do what the LORD desires of us, and that is to live a godly life that reflects HIS (LORD’S) holy character (1 Peter 2: 1). There are some Christians that makes excuses for their ungodly lives and actions. You see, the LORD is not interested in our excuses for or sin, but rather in our repentant of our sin. So, that we may desire more of GOD, the sincere milk (pure nutrient) of GOD’S word, and to study the scriptures to grow into spiritual maturity (1 Peter 2: 2). Since you have already experienced GOD’S goodness, we should seek GOD more eagerly (1 Peter 2: 3). When we seek GOD more eagerly we become more understanding of GOD’S spiritual house, and individuals who come to reject the living Stone (1 Peter 2: 4). Now, we come to know that the living stones are the individual believers offering acceptable spiritual sacrifices to GOD through JESUS CHRIST the Son of GOD (1 Peter 2: 5). GOD calls us individually to serve HIM (GOD) in our community. So, wherever we gather as GOD’S people we offer ourselves as a spiritual sacrifice, creating a spiritual house. As we connect with other believers, each stone becomes a holy priesthood that GOD calls precious and acceptable unto HIM.

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Lesson Pointer # 2

- **Light, Precious Stones (1 Peter 2: 6-10)**

In this section here, Peter quotes three passages from the Old Testament; Isaiah 28: 16, Psalm 118: 22, and Isaiah 8: 14, Peter describes Israel as living stones, and that believers can place their trust securely in JESUS CHRIST without being ashamed (1 Peter 2: 6). Peter identified JESUS CHRIST as the rejected cornerstone of GOD'S spiritual house, for those who believe, the Stone (JESUS CHRIST) is precious, but the Stone (JESUS CHRIST) is rejected by the disobedient (1 Peter 2: 7). Although some may stumble in disbelief, and disobedient, know that JESUS CHRIST remains the strongest, and most prominent stone in the LORD'S house. No doubt nor unbelief can ever diminish JESUS CHRIST (1 Peter 2: 8). Knowing that under the old covenant, only the Priest could approach GOD. But now, GOD calls all believers as royal priesthood, which means that every believer can come before GOD freely and fearlessly, as sons and daughters of HIS (GOD'S) own house (1 Peter 2: 9). Because of GOD'S grace and mercy, we know that JESUS CHRIST is the precious stone who has called us (believers) to declare HIS praises throughout the earth. Now before JESUS CHRIST, mercy and grace seemed so far out of reach, but through JESUS CHRIST, GOD the FATHER has redeemed the world back to HIMSELF (1 Peter 2: 10). Now, that we have been redeemed back to GOD, we give HIM all the Praise!

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Nuggets of the Lesson

- 1) **As believers of JESUS CHRIST we are to put aside malice, guile, hypocrisies, envies, and evil speaking (1 Peter 2: 1; Hebrews 12: 1).**
- 2) **As born-again babes, we are to desire more of GOD word that we may grow spiritually (1 Peter 2: 2; Matthew 18: 3; 1 Corinthians 3: 2).**
- 3) **As living stones we are built up a spiritual house (1 Peter 2: 5; Ephesians 2: 21).**
- 4) **JESUS CHRIST the living Stones in whom we believers believe is precious, and that we are not ashamed (1 Peter 2: 6; Isaiah 28: 16).**