

Strangers and Pilgrims

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Introduction

1. 1 Peter 2:11-12
2. The Bible is a book of comfort, help and hope. We must study it for it to help us
3. The book of 1 Peter was written to help those who were undergoing persecution. It is a book of comfort help and hope.
4. These verses state the same thing, so let us notice what they are saying

II Discussion

1. Strangers and Pilgrims
 1. The meaning of stranger - one who lives as a foreigner in a strange land. One without the rights of citizenship and distinguished from a citizen; and it means here that Christians are not properly citizens of this world!
 2. The meaning of pilgrim - One who remain in a place but a short while, a traveler on a journey. A Christians have no permanent home on earth; Their citizenship is not here, they are mere sojourners, and they are passing on to their eternal home in heaven
 3. Therefore we are strangers and pilgrims on this earth. Heaven is our real home Philipians 3:20; 1 John 2:15; Hebrews 11:8-10, 13
2. Abstain
 1. Meaning constantly holding back oneself 1 Thessalonians 4:4
 2. Many are giving over to the items that satisfy the flesh.
3. Fleshly lust Galatians 5:16-21
 1. Adultery violation of the marriage bed
 2. Fornication illicit sexual acts
 3. Uncleaness sodomy
 4. Lasciviousness the uncrate handling of male and female bodies
 5. Idolatry worship of false gods
 6. Witchcraft magical enchantment
 7. Hatred ill will
 8. Variance strife
 9. Emulation jealousy
 10. Wrath open anger
 11. Strife self interest
 12. Sedition wanting to cause division
 13. Heresies self will opinion which are substituted for the truth
 14. Envyings displeasure produced by witnessing or hearing of the advantage or prosperity of others
 15. Murder slaughter
 16. Drunkenness drunk with wine to be intoxicated
 17. Revelings abuse excessive and boisterous festivity's without restraint
4. War
 1. This is an active aggressive conflict
 2. Sin will destroy, weaken, and debilitates, robs debases and hinders.

III Conclusion

1. We are but strangers and pilgrims on this earth. We need not get to attached to material things
2. We find that even the best men need exhortation to stay away from the worst sins.
3. Are you participating in these sins, if you are repent and obey God today!

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