Obedience of Faith

1 Peter 1:13-25

1 Peter Outline

- I. Salvation of the Believer
- II. Submission of the Believer
- III. Suffering of the Believer

- 1 Peter 1:1 2:10
- 1 Peter 2:11 3:12
- 1 Peter 3:13 5:14

1 Peter Theme Verse

1 Peter 4:19 - Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

Lesson Verse

1 Peter 1:15–16 - but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

Theme Statement

In light of God's merciful plan and implementation of the means of salvation, believers are called to live holy lives before a Holy God, to live in reverential fear of the God of our salvation and to fervently love one another, all in anticipation of the future hope of the future revelation of Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:5 - through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake,

Romans 16:25–26 - Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ..... leading to obedience of faith;

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When you need mobility, "gird up your loins" by raising the excess tunic fabric of the "skirt" portion.



Now gather all the excess fabric to your front.



Now pass the excess fabric between your legs to the rear.



Bring half the fabric around on each side, and tie it in your front.



Now that your loins are girded, you are ready to run, do hard labor, or go to war.

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Romans 12:1–2 - ¹Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. ²And **do not be conformed to this world**, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

1 John 2:15–17 - ¹⁵**Do not love the world** nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

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CONTEXT - Jewish Food Laws - unclean vs clean Leviticus 11:44 - ⁴⁴'For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. And you shall not make yourselves unclean with any

of the swarming things that swarm on the earth.

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CONTEXT - Idolatry

Leviticus 19:2 - 2"Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

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CONTEXT - Human sacrifices, mediums, spirits and immorality
Leviticus 20:7 - 7'You shall consecrate yourselves therefore and be holy, for I am
the Lord your God.

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CONTEXT - Sermon on the Mount, loving others

Matthew 5:48 - ⁴⁸ Therefore **you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is**perfect.

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Exodus 3:13-15

¹³Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?"

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¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

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¹⁵God, furthermore, said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.

Psalm 150:1-2

¹Praise the Lord!

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^{1b}Praise God in His sanctuary;

^{1c}Praise Him in His mighty expanse.

^{2a}Praise Him for His mighty deeds;

^{2b}Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

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Psalm 49:7–8 - ⁷No man can by any means redeem his brother Or give to God a ransom for him— ⁸For the redemption of his soul is costly, And he should cease trying forever—

Galatians 3:13 - ¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"—

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Ephesians 1:3–5 - ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ⁴just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

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John 17:24 - ²⁴"Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

Obedience to the Truth 1 Peter 1:22-25

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1 John 2:9–11 - ⁹The one who says he is in the Light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now. ¹⁰The one who loves his brother abides in the Light and there is no cause for stumbling in him. ¹¹But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

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1 John 4:20–21 - ²⁰If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.

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- 2. Demonstrate a passionate <u>respect</u> for the <u>living and enduring Word of</u> God v. 23-25

Isaiah 40:6b–8 - ^{6b}All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, When the breath of the Lord blows upon it; Surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.

Application

- 1. Be holy as God is holy 1 Peter 1:13-16
- 2. Praise the <u>transcendent</u> and <u>immanent</u> God for our great <u>salvation</u> being <u>redeemed</u> by the shed <u>precious blood</u> of Jesus Christ 1 Peter 1:17-21
- 3. Demonstrate biblical <u>love</u> for all believers in Christ and an evangelistic <u>love</u> for those not in Christ 1 Peter 1:22-25