

International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

1 Peter 2:1-12 Application

- 1. The followers of Jesus can never have a good reason to feel and show malice. Deceit, hypocrisy, and envy should have no place in someone who calls themself a Christian. Even saying something true about someone can be done with the wrong motive or purpose, such as to defame someone or try to ruin their good reputation rather than do what is just and merciful.
- 2. The followers of Jesus must humble themselves and earnestly seek to learn the most basic truths of the Bible and practice them before they are really able to understand and practice the deeper truths of God's word.
- 3. As followers of Jesus, we need to see ourselves as we truly are and not be misled by those of this world who see us and taunt us as less than children of God. We are chosen by God, precious to God, and God is building us into a spiritual house along with others. Our priesthood is royal because Jesus is our High Priest and King, and our spiritual sacrifices are acceptable to God.
- 4. We are to line up our thoughts, words, and behavior with Jesus' teachings, because Jesus is the cornerstone God is using to build us, as living stones, into a spiritual house.
- 5. Many prefer to disobey and distort the Bible's teachings and Jesus' commands, so they do not like and often mock the teachings and behavior of those who call themselves Bible-believing Christians. Don't be misled.

Your Application — Your Takeaway Notes (Use other side too)