

**AS WE SUFFER, HOW CAN WE KEEP FROM BEING DISCOURAGED?
REMEMBERING WHAT GOD IS DOING WITH IN US THROUGH CHRIST
1Peter 2:4-6**

- I. **WE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED WHEN WE SEE WHAT GOD IS DOING IN US THROUGH CHRIST:** As we come to Him through His Word, we are being built up as a spiritual temple to offer as holy priests spiritual sacrifices to God (4-6)
- A. ***WHAT GOD IS DOING:*** As we come to the Living Stone, rejected by men, but chosen and precious in God's sight, *we as living stones are being built up as a spiritual house* (4-5a)
1. **Who do we come to? Jesus Christ (4)**
 - a) He is like a living stone (4)
 - b) He was rejected by men (4)
 - c) He is choice and precious in God's sight (4)
 2. **As we come to Him, we are being built up as a as a spiritual house (4-5)**
 - a) We are living stones, who come to Him though His Word (2:2,2:4)
 - b) The result is we are being built up into a spiritual house (2:5)
- B. ***WHY GOD IS BUILDING US UP AS A SPIRITUAL HOUSE:*** We are being built up for a holy priesthood *to offer spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ* (5b-6)

NEXT WEEK

- II. **WE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED WHEN WE SEE HOW GOD VALUES US BECAUSE OF PRECIOUS CHRIST** (7-10)
- A. Precious Christ is for us who believe (7a)
 - B. The Cornerstone will be the eternal doom for those who do not believe (7b-8)
 - C. We believers are the chosen people and valued possession of God, destined to proclaim His excellences, because of His great mercy (9-10)