

Sunday August 8th 2010
Petros
Part Eight
Study Questions

1). Nu 23:19 *"God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"*

- a). What does this scripture tell us about the nature and character of God?
- b). What way is He described at the beginning of 1 Peter Chapter 2 that demonstrates this same thing?

2). 1Pe 2:4 ¶ *Coming to Him as to a living stone,*

- a). Who are those who would be continually coming to Him?

3). 1Pe 2:6 *Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious*

- a). Why is it also contained in the scripture, 'Behold, I lay in Zion....'?
- b). What does 'contained in the scripture' literally mean?
- c). What should we know then about the Chief Cornerstone with regards to the scripture? And what does this mean for our understanding of scripture?
- d). Who is the Chief Cornerstone?

e). What can we know from the ancient world about the importance of the cornerstone in the building process?

f). As we think about this with regards to Christ and His joint heirs what does this suggest to you about this relationship?

4). What 2 scriptures did we look at that talk about the foundation stone?

a). What 2 elements go to make up this foundation?

b). What other words could we use to describe these two elements?

c). In 1 Corinthians 3 we are the ones seen building on the foundation – how can we connect our action of building with God’s process of building a spiritual house?

d). The Lord speaks about building in Matthew Chapter 7. What does He say about it? What should we learn from it? What does it present another picture of for us?

5). *And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.*

a). Within the context of 1 Peter, what does it mean to believe on Him?

b). What does it mean that those who do believe on Him will by no means be put to shame?

6). 1Pe 2:7 *Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," 8 and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.*

a). What are we told about the Cornerstone from the perspective of those who believe?

b). What are we told about this same Stone with respect to those who are disobedient?

c). Explain what you understand 'a stone of stumbling' to mean.

d). Explain what you understand 'a rock of offence' to mean.

e). What different words are used for 'stone' and 'rock' here and what might this teach us about both?

f). What would it look like in practical terms for the Cornerstone to be a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence?

7). 1Pe 2:9 *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.*

a). Between whom is the contrast being made at the beginning of v9?

- b). What does 'a chosen generation' mean?
- c). What does 'a royal priesthood' mean?
- d). What does 'a holy nation' mean?
- e). What is significant about, 'His own special people'?
- f). How are we to proclaim His praises?
- g). What does it mean that He called us out of darkness into His marvelous light?
- h). What scriptures do we have that talk of this same thing?
- i). Why were we once not a people?
- j). What particular people are we now?
- k). Is the phrase, 'people of God' referring to all Christians here and how would we know?
- l). What does it mean that we had not obtained mercy?
- m). What does it mean that we have now obtained mercy?
- n). We cannot help but see here the mercy of God that extended to us the privilege of eternal salvation, but given the context of this letter is this all that's being referred to here?
- o). What part does God's mercy play with regards to our living hope?
- p). What part does God's mercy play in the cleansing of our present sins?

8). La 3:21 ¶ *This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. 22 Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. 24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!" 25 The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him. 26 It is good that one should hope and wait quietly For the salvation of the LORD.*

a). This scripture relates to the nation of Israel – what secondary application could we make for ourselves here and how would this tie in with what we have just studied in 1 Peter 2:10?

b) What does this say to you and how much of an encouragement is it to you?