

Keeping Your Eternal Perspective
Video Bible Study | First Peter 2:11-12 | 6/5/20

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. ¹² Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

(1 Peter 2:11–12)

"It is not enough for the gardener to love the flowers, he must also hate the weeds." - Anonymous

“What Do I See?”

1. What effect might the term “beloved” have on Peter’s audience as he introduces this command?
2. Last Sunday we learned that we are no longer “strangers and aliens” in Eph 2:19. Now, Peter says we are. What’s going on here?!
3. Verses 11-12 reveal an important truth about the human creature. Why do we do what we do? What is the source of our behavior?
4. What image does Peter use to describe the desires (“lusts”) going on inside? In what areas do you personally experience this?

5. What is Peter's solution for victory over "*fleshly lusts*"?

6. What does Peter identify as the purpose of "excellent behavior?" What is the goal?

7. What do you believe is the "day of visitation?"

Application: How will I apply this passage to my life?

Digging Deeper: John Bunyan on "Pilgrims" (from "Pilgrim's Progress")

"All mankind are pilgrims; all are pressing through this world: the Christian willingly considers that his life is a journey, because he is seeking a better country; but the greater multitude are anxious to prevent the recollection, that time is a preparation for eternity, and, in consequence of this neglect, they shudder when approaching the brink of the grave, into which they are irresistibly plunged. Although perpetual examples warn them that suddenly, at a moment when they least expect the fatal catastrophe, it may befall them, still, as if infatuated, they make no inquiry of the Holy Oracles as to how they can escape the second death; but take the miserable counsel of some 'worldlywise man,' and seek a refuge in lies, which death will terribly sweep away; or they wholly neglect any preparation for so important and certain, if not sudden, an event. All are on the advance; time hurries on those whose pilgrimage is limited to the foul, but fascinating streets of the 'city of destruction,' to their eternal doom; while those whose anxious cries lead them to the Christian calling, press on in the narrow and difficult path that leads to the heavenly Jerusalem."