

Out of Reverence for God

1 Peter 2:11-3:22



An illusion of danger and safety

What should we really be concerned about?

“Blessed is the one... whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.” Psalm 1:1a, 2

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17



How can you “swim” in space?

“To God’s elect, exiles scattered...” 1 Peter 1:1-2

“Honor all people, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the king. 1 Peter 2:17

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Live good lives among non-Christians	2:11-12
Submission → in reverent fear of God	
> Everyone to governing authorities	2:13-17
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> “Slaves”	2:18-20
> Christ’s example	2:21-25
> Wives (and husbands)	3:1-7
> Everyone honor each other	3:8-17
> Christ for our salvation	3:18-22

The Big Idea

In reverent fear of God, Christians are to submit to every human authority while obeying God first, as Jesus did

- All to governing authorities
- “Slave” to (harsh) master
- Wife to (unbelieving) husband
- Husband honor wife as co-heir

Where you are under an authority...

Entrust yourself to Him who judges justly

“The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” 1 Peter 3:12

Application

Live in reverent fear of God

Be confronted by God’s Word

“My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.” 1 Corinthians 4:4-5

“Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.” Psalm 139:23-24

See every relationship or circumstance under God

“in reverent fear...conscious of God...before God”

Genuine submission and honor

Also speaking up and seeking what is right and good in a way
that is God-honoring

Always: “honor everyone, love the family of believers, fear God,
honor the emperor”

What should we really be concerned about?

“From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind;
from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—
he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.” Ps
33:13-15

What is our great hope?

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the
unrighteous, to bring you to God” 1 Peter 3:18

Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. What parts of the Bible are harder for you to accept or process?
In what ways might they be the parts that you need most?
2. Where is submission hard for you? Why? What should you do?

Conversation starters

What is good and bad about “submission” in our world today?