

“The Pilgrim’s Character”
1 Peter 2:11-25
4/3/22
Message 4

Introduction

- Title of the Message is: “The Pilgrim Character”

- **Illustration – Examples Of those who lived as Pilgrims**

- **BY Faith**

- **Noah - Didn’t FIT into this world of wickedness**

Hebrews 11:7 (NKJV)

7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

- **Abraham - Lived in this world like a foreigner.**

Hebrews 11:8–10 (NKJV)

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;

10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

- **Moses - Lived the life of a sojourner & wanderer**

Hebrews 11:23–29 (NKJV)

23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king’s command.

24 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter,

25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,

26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt;
for he looked to the reward.

27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured
as seeing Him who is invisible.

28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who
destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the
Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned.

- Moses even named his 1st son Gershom
 - Which means foreigner A constant reminder that he was “a stranger in the land.”

- **We're Pilgrims and Sojourners**

- As Christians We're AWAY from home!
 - We're temporary residents here & actually eternal residents of another land.
 - *I like what Chuck Swindoll said; “We live in the midst of a pagan culture, surrounded by pagan people, who embrace a pagan philosophy, a pagan way of life, & a pagan attitude toward believers.*
- BUT God has placed us here as Ambassadors
 - Ambassadors of His Kingdom of a Different Kingdom
 - Our Job – We're to lead others to that better city whose architect & builder is God!
 - Our lives should be lived in such a way that people even though they criticize you still look at you wonder why is there so much hope and peace
 - I like what they said about - William Arnot Scottish Minister / Theological Writer
 - It was said of the popular 19th Century English author

- ***“His preaching is good. His writing is better. His living is best of all.”***

- **Review**

- **Now Remember**

- Persecution Beginning to hit the Church
- Nero – A mad man to say the least
- SO - Peter has laid out some keys to living as
 - Christians in a Hostile World!

- **Peter wanted to Encourage them**

- So Far we have seen
 - 1 Peter 1:1-12 - We Have Living Hope
 - Never forget who you are in Christ!
 - 1 Peter 1:13-25 - An Appeal To Holiness
 - Because you do belong To Jesus – Live a Holy Life
 - 1 Peter 2:1-12 – Christian Conduct
 - Examples on how to live that holy life
 - The REASON Why we live that holy life?
 - We have a responsibility to live correctly
 - People are watching – this is your time to SHINE

- **Now this Morning we want to focus in on Being a Pilgrim in this lost world**

○ **4 Powerful points on living as a Pilgrim in this world**

- Resistance To Sinful Desires vs. 11-12
- Respect For Law and Government vs. 13-17
- Response To Masters (Employees / Bosses) vs. 8-20
- Remembering The Example Of Christ vs. 21-25

Resistance To Sinful Desires vs. 11-12

- **First: When we come to Jesus, we are to abstain from fleshly lusts v. 11**

○ **1st Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims v. 11a**

1 Peter 2:11 (NKJV)

11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts
which war against the soul,

- Turn to Ephesians 2

Ephesians 2:1–10 (NKJV)

1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,
2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to
the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of
disobedience,
3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh,
fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of
wrath, just as the others.
4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved
us,
5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ
(by grace you have been saved),
6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in
Christ Jesus,
7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in
His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it
is the gift of God,
9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.
10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which
God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

- We See our Calling – We’ve been called OUT to a different LIFE
- A Higher Calling
 - Different Standards
 - Different Attitude
 - It is SO important that we think LIKE God and Not like men
- One of these ways
 - As Pilgrims and Sojourners DO GET bogged down with this world
- **2nd Abstain from fleshly lusts v. 11b**

1 Peter 2:11 (NKJV)

11 *Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,*

▪ **How does the world live?**

- They live after the desires of their flesh and of their mind.

1 John 2:16 (NKJV)

16 *For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.*

▪ **Peter says - DO NOT to get BOOGED down in this world**

- Don't let the flesh have a foot hold in our lives
- What is our Motivation to abstain from the flesh
 - Recognize that this world is not their home, and that they have a home and a citizenship in heaven.

- AKA – Remember WHO you are in CHRIST – Your NEW ID

- **3rd WHY Abstain from the Lust of the flesh v. 11c**

1 Peter 2:11 (NKJV)

11 *Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,*

- **Which war against the soul**

- Peter understands that these fleshly lusts... war against the soul.
- To be a Christian means to fight against the lusts of the flesh
- The battle continues as long as we live in this flesh.

- **NOTE – War against our Souls**

- It is easy to see how the pursuit of fleshly lusts can destroy our physical body.
 - Just ask the alcoholic dying of liver disease
 - Or ask the sexually immoral person with a Sexual Disease
- But Peter reminds us that fleshly lusts also war against the soul.
 - The disease and death of the inner man is a penalty that no one given over to the flesh escapes
 - It will take your peace, love, joy, happiness

- **Second: Having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles v. 12**

1 Peter 2:12 (NKJV)

12 *having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.*

○ **1st Having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles:**

- This kind of godly living makes our conduct honorable among those who don't know God yet.
 - YES - We can expect them to speak Against you as evildoers
 - BUT - They can still be brought to glorify God by seeing our godly conduct.
- Remember – What the said about the early church
 - Christians were falsely accused of great crimes!
 - Accused Christians of eating the flesh and drank the blood of a baby in a cannibalistic ritual.
 - They said that Christian “agape feasts” were wild orgies.
 - They said that Christians were anti-social because they did not participate in society's immoral entertainment.
 - They said that Christians were atheists because they did not worship idols.
 - But over time, it was clear that Christians were not immoral people – and it was shown by their lives!!!

○ **2nd The day of visitation:**

- A lot of ideas on this
- BUT This is probably a reference to their ultimate meeting with God

- The idea is that people might be persuaded to become Christians
- By seeing the lives of other Christians, and that they would glorify God when they meet Him instead of cowering before His holy judgment.

Respect For Law and Government vs. 13-17

• First: Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man v. 13

1 Peter 2:13 (NKJV)

13 *Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme,*

○ **1st Therefore Submit v. 13a**

1 Peter 2:13 (NKJV)

13 *Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the* Lord's sake, *whether to the king as supreme,*

▪ **Therefore -**

- In light of what was just said – SUBMIT

▪ **Submit –**

- Greek Word - Hupotasso –

▪ **Means –**

- *To arrange under, to subordinate; to subject, put in subjection; to subject one's self, obey; to submit to one's control; to yield to one's admonition or advice; to obey, be subject; A Greek military term meaning "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader". In non-military use, it was "a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden".*

- So We are to Submit to EVERY ordinance of man - the Government

- What does this mean?

- It Means –

- As Christians we should be good citizens, submitting to government.

- Following ALL the LAWS

- Illustrations

- Speed Limit

- So if the government say 65MPH is the Speed limit – How fast do we go?

- Taxes

- Pay them don't cheat

- **Model Citizens**

- **2nd Are there Times when we DON'T have submit?**

- YES - When they go Against God

- **Moses – Pharaoh Exodus 10**

Exodus 10:25–26 (NKJV)

25 But Moses said, “You must also give us sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

26 Our livestock also shall go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind. For we must take some of them to serve the LORD our God, and even we do not know with what we must serve the LORD until we arrive there.”

- **Hananiah, Mishael & Azariah Daniel 3**

Daniel 3:16–18 (NKJV)

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

17 If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.

18 But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.”

- **Daniel – Daniel 6**

Daniel 6:10 (NKJV)

10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

- **The Apostles Acts 5**

Acts 5:29 (NKJV)

29 But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men.

- **3rd WHY are we to Submit - For the Lord's sake:**

- **God has PLACED Government over People**

- The governments have a rightful authority from God
- Institutions God Created
 - Marriage is the first institution God created
 - Government is the Second institution God created

- **God is Sovereign over all rulers**

- Meaning no one gets in a place of leadership with out God Allowing it

- **Second: As to those who are sent by him v. 14**

1 Peter 2:14 (NKJV)

14 or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.

○ **1st Reason why God gave us Government**

▪ **Governments ROLE**

- For the punishment of evildoers and for the recognition of those who do good.
- God uses governing authorities as a check upon man's sinful desires and tendencies.

▪ **Sadly - Our Government is VERY confused these days**

- Good is BAD and BAD is Good

Isaiah 5:20 (NKJV)

20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

• **Third: That by doing good... v. 15**

1 Peter 2:15 (NKJV)

15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—

○ **1st By Doing Good We defend the Gospel**

- Peter knew that our conduct is a way to defend the gospel
- He knew that those who never read the Bible will read our lives
- So it is by doing good that we put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.

• **Fourth: Yet not using liberty Wrong and Honor ALL v. 16-17**

○ **1st Don't use our Freedoms in the Wrong way v. 16**

1 Peter 2:16 (NKJV)

16 *as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.*

- We are warned against taking the liberty we have in Jesus
 - As an excuse for sin.
- Instead - we use our liberty in Jesus
 - To show the kind of love and respect that Peter calls for.

○ **2nd Honor ALL people v. 17**

1 Peter 2:17 (NKJV)

17 *Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.*

- Honor ALL People
 - Honor – Greek - Timao –
 - Means - to estimate, fix the value; for the value of something belonging to one's self; honour, to have in honour, to revere, venerate
 - So we are to FIX Value on EVERY person - EVERY PERSON
 - Their Action may not be of value –

○ BUT their SOUL is

- **Show Pic**

- *Spurgeon; "Consider how precious a soul must be, when both God and the devil are after it."*

- Love the Brotherhood
 - LOVE the church

- Fear God
 - = Fear God
- Honor The King
 - Okay that means we honor those that rule over us
 - So respect even if they don't deserve it
 - Christians – Should NEVER say let's go Brandon
 - It's okay to make honest assessment – BUT NEVER Demean

• **Fifth: Final Thoughts**

- **1st Now does this mean we can never say or participate in Government?**
 - Different Schools of Thought
 - **1st We Should NEVER be Involved in Politics**
 - There are Pastors and Commentators that LOVE
 - That used this 1 Peter, Titus, and Romans to say Christians...
 - Should NEVER
 - Be involved in Politics
 - Join the Military
 - Join the Police
 - That in essence we should be pacifist
 - Just stick to the Gospel – it's the ONLY Hope for Man

- No one disagrees with that part of what they say
- Some have Even gone as far as to say
 - That our Christian Founding Fathers were Rebels in Sin for fighting
- **Listen What one wrote in regards to this...**
 - Christians are in the world but are not of it (John 17:14, 16)
 - The whole world system is in the hands of the wicked one, and has been condemned by God (1 Jn. 5:19b; 2:17; John 12:31).
 - The Christian's mission is not to improve the world, but to see men saved out of it.
 - While the believer is almost unavoidably a citizen of some earthly country, his primary citizenship is from heaven—so much so that he is to look upon himself as a pilgrim and an alien down here (Phil. 3:20; 1 Pet. 2:11).
 - No soldier on active duty should entangle himself with the affairs of this life, lest he displease the one who has enlisted him (2 Tim. 2:4).
 - The Lord Jesus said: "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36). As His ambassadors, we should represent this truth to the world.
 - Politics tend to become corrupt by their very nature. Christians should separate themselves from iniquity (2 Cor. 6:17, 18).
- **2nd Others Believe we should be involved**

- That we are to be salt and light
- Stand for righteousness

○ **3rd My Thoughts**

- While I Agree with most of what that pastor wrote – All those things are true – to a point
 - The Gospel Should produce GOOD works!
 - Schools Hospitals came from Christians
 - This works seems to be acceptable to these pastors BUT other are NOT
 - It a bit troubling to me
 - Be engage BUT only be engage at the level we want
- I believe we need to LOOK at the whole of scripture to make the right judgment here
- **1st John The Baptist Call Herod on The Carpet for Adultery**
 - Jesus said he was the GREATEST prophet ever born
- **2nd Jesus Called Herod a FOX**

Luke 13:32 (NKJV)

32 And He said to them, “Go, tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.’

- **3rd We’re to Be SALT & LIGHT**
 - Matthew 5:13–16
 - Salt - Preserves
 - Light – Exposes

▪ **4th We are to LOVE our Neighbor - Luke 10:27**

Luke 10:27 (NKJV)

27 So he answered and said, “ ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

- How I am loving my neighbor –
 - If I don't help them?
 - Do I feed them when they are hungry?
 - Do I help clothe them when they are naked?
- OR Do we all just go live in a commune and ignore the WORLD?
 - RUN and HIDE

▪ **5th So if this is TRUE That we should not be involved in politics, military, police**

- My question is...
- Is there NOTHING that we should stand up for?
- Should I Tell my female neighbor who is being attacked by my other male neighbor to just turn the cheek...and offer the one attacking her some water?
- How is that showing GOOD WORK – Love for my Neighbor?
- Can Someone please explain how being PASSIVE is loving my neighbor?

▪ **6th Illustration: Of Christians Standing Up and yes even Fighting for their Neighbor**

- Christian Founding Fathers
 - When they came over here to give us this great nation
- Slavery - Christians Standing Up – Being political
 - Slave Train = Christians Standing up against Slavery
 - William Wilberforce – His Long battle in England
 - *Lincoln “To sin by silence, when they should protest, makes cowards of men.”*
- Hitler – Holocaust: Christians Standing Up – Being political
 - PASTOR Dietrich Bonhoeffer
 - “Silence in the face of evil is evil itself”
- **7th Our Priorities Today -**
 - NUMBER 1 Priority –
 - PREACH THE GOSPEL
 - NUMBER 2 Stand in the Gap for this lost world
 - BY PRAYER
 - NUMBER 3 – Be Engaged
 - But there issues that we should stand up Against?
 - Abortion
 - Sexual Perversion
 - Tyranny
 - The Globalist agenda looks just like Romans

- Call this politics if you want –
 - But what they really are is Biblical Issues
 - I call it standing up for righteousness and showing Good Works and Love to my neighbor

- *Charles G. Finney; “Politics are a part of religion in such a country as this, and Christians must do their duty to the country as a part of their duty to God ... Christians seem to act as if they thought God did not see what they do in politics. But I tell you, He does see it, and He will bless or curse this nation, according to the course they take.” Charles G. Finney Lectures on Revivals of Religion, (New York: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1868) Lecture XV, pp. 281-282*

- NUMBER 4 - Understand Our System of Government
 - We are A Constitutional Republic
 - Which is a state where the chief executive and representatives are elected, and the rules are set down in a written constitution. The head of state and other representatives are elected but they do not have uncontrolled power.
 - What is the first line in the Constitution?
 - We the People – we are the KINGS
- So Christians should
 - Pray
 - Vote – Understand what and who you’re voting for

- Run For office if you feel lead
- Have a Biblical Word View
 - Abortion
 - Marriage
 - How many sexes?
- Don't let the World Evil philosophies in the CHURCH

Response To Masters (Employees / Bosses) vs. 18-20

- Another way to be Pilgrims and Sojourners – Be GREAT Workers

First: Servants, be submissive to your masters vs. 18-20

1 Peter 2:18–20 (NKJV)

18 *Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.*

19 *For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.*

20 *For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.*

○ **1st Background on Slavery**

▪ Rome Attitude

- The slave market was a major industry and slave labor was crucial to the economic strength of Rome.
- The Roman attitude was that there was no point in being master of the world if you had to labor with your own hands.
- Let the slaves do the work and let the citizens live in pampered idleness.

- The Vast majority of Christians
 - For the first couple hundred years of the Church were slaves.
 - There were a handful of the elite and nobility, that were numbered among the disciples – but they were by far the minority.
 - Don't just think Slaves as performing only menial labor
 - Slaves fulfilled virtually every kind of occupation.
 - They were doctors, (Luke for example), teachers, musicians, actors, secretaries, and stewards who were put over the affairs of entire estates.
 - The common word for slave was douloi,
 - But Peter uses the less common word for a domestic servant here – oiketai.

○ 2nd Servants Be Submissive

- Submit to your masters!
- Peter & the other NT writers were simply being realists!
- They had seen first-hand how Rome dealt with slave revolts; they were short lived and bloody.
- Christianity wasn't merely an anti-slavery political movement; it was a whole worldview.
- **The Apostles knew the best and only way to end slavery was for the leaven of the gospel to infiltrate all of society.**
- Men's hearts have to change before their minds will.
- So he told slaves to manifest the sincerity of their faith in God in the calling as servants.

- This WILL change hearts!!!

- **Lessons we Can Learn**

- **1st Submission doesn't depend on your boss deserving it!**

- Learning submission to people is a step towards learning submission to God.
 - There are going to be times in your life when God may want to ask you to do something that is uncomfortable or unpleasant to you.
 - Are you going to pick and choose which things you're going to obey when God commands you?
 - We need to learn to do uncomfortable things when those in authority over us ask us.
- Illustration
 - *A secretary, a paralegal, and a boss in a big law firm are walking through a park on their way to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp. They rub it and a Genie comes out in a puff of smoke. The Genie says, "I usually only grant three wishes, so I'll give each of you just one." "Me first! Me first!" says the secretary. "I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, without a care in the world." Poof! She's gone. "Me next! Me next!" says the paralegal. "I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of exotic foods, and the love of my life." Poof! He's gone. "You're next," the Genie says to the boss. The boss says, "I want those two back in the office right after lunch."*

- **2nd Blessing comes from enduring difficult people.**

- Illustration

- A Roman coin was once found with the picture of an ox on it;
 - The ox was facing two things—an altar and a plough;
 - The inscription read: “Ready for either”.
 - The ox had to be ready either for the supreme moment of sacrifice on the altar or the long labor of the plough on the farm.
- God’s desire is that we be ready for either.
 - Either to serve as obedient servants, or to be a sacrifice for having done what was right.

Remembering The Example Of Christ vs. 21-25

• First: Remember Jesus as our Example v. 21

1 Peter 2:21 (NKJV)

21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

- **1st We are Called to Suffer Like Jesus**
 - No one was ever treated as unjustly as He, or bore it as patiently.
 - So we find ourselves suffering we can take great comfort in the fact that Jesus Suffered
 - We have been called to act as He acted, suffering for the wrongs of others.
- **2nd Learn to Suffer**
 - Jesus Did – He showed the way
 - Be LONG SUFFERING with Others

- Be Patient with OTHERS

• **Second: “Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth” v. 22**

1 Peter 2:22 (NKJV)

22 “Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth”;

○ **1st He committed no SIN**

- In Him there is no sin” (1 Jn. 3:5).
- His speech was never tainted by deceit.
- He never lied or even shaded the truth.
- Think about that!
- A Person once lived on this planet who was absolutely honest, absolutely free from trickery or deceit.

○ **2nd Be a straight shooter –**

- Be Honest
- Share the TRUTH in LOVE

• **Third: What Our Savior Went through vs. 23-25**

1 Peter 2:23–25 (NKJV)

23 *who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;*

24 *who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.*

25 *For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

○ **1st Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree:**

- He also bore our sins as sin-bearing substitute

- Provided for our healing (by whose stripes you were healed).
- Took OUR SINS – GAVE us His RIGHTEOUSNESS
- **2nd For you were like sheep going astray v. 25**

1 Peter 2:25 (NKJV)

25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

- Because of His work for us, we have returned to the Shepherd (pastor) and the Overseer (bishop) of our souls.

Closing

- As Pilgrims Let us learn to be MORE like Jesus and a lot less than the world

Communion

- First: Remember (Looking Back at what Jesus did)
- Second: Repent / Reflect (Looking Within) 1 Cor. 11:27-28
- Third: Rejoice (Looking Forward) 1 Cor. 11:26
- Fourth: Reconcile (Looking Around) 1 Cor. 11:29, 33-34

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NKJV)

23 *For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;*

24 *and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."*

25 *In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

26 *For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.*