

With the Master in the Fiery Furnace—Lesson 9—1 Peter 2:9-12—Priests, Pilgrims and Peculiar People Giving Praises to God!



1. Read 1 Peter 2:9-12 and write down the different names that Peter uses for believers. (You should find at least eight.) (b) What do you think these mean?
2. Memorize 1 Peter 2:11.
3. Hosea 1 and 2 are the background for Peter's words in 1 Peter 2:10. (a) Read Hosea 1 and 2 and write down the context of what is going on. (b) Did Israel deserve God's mercy? Why or why not? (c) Did she receive God's mercy? Why?
4. Peter speaks of sin warring against our soul, in 1 Peter 2:11. (a) What does the Psalmist say happened to his soul when he gave up the fight against sin? See Psalm 6:3, 4; 31:9, 10; 38:3; 41:4; 51:8, 12. (b) What happens to your soul when you give up the fight against sin? (c) How would you explain to a struggling believer that giving up the fight against sin is not worth it?
5. (a) According to Romans 8:13, what happens to those who live after the flesh? (b) What are some of the works of the flesh, according to Galatians 5:16-21? (c) Do you think that someone can practice these things and still be called a "Christian"? See Galatians 5:19-24; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Revelation 21:8. (d) If you know a so-called Christian who is practicing sin, how would you compel them to be reconciled to God?
6. (a) In Titus 2:3-5 what is the command to women? (b) What is the reason for this command, according to verse 5? (c) What is the command to young men, according to Titus 2:6-8? (d) In Titus 2:9, 10 what is the command to servants? (e) Again, what are the reasons for these commands in verses 8 and 10? (f) How does this go along with what Peter says in 1 Peter 2:12?
7. (a) When was the last time you gave praise to God in the presence of others? (b) Why do you think we as Christians are reluctant to praise God in the presence of others? (If you have difficulty in knowing what to praise God for, read Psalm 103.)
8. (a) In looking back over the list of character qualities (question 6) that should be present in us as women, how would you say you are faring? (If you really want to deal with this honestly, ask your husband or a close friend.) (b) Do you think the unbelieving world sees these things as evident in your life? (c) How would you help another woman who is struggling with one or more of these areas?
9. Write praise to God expressing your gratitude for the fact that you have been chosen by Him!