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CHAPTER ONE

PILGRIMS AND STRANGERS...

SALUTATION: TO THE STRANGERS (1)

- *ALIENS (NASB), EXILES (ESV), PILGRIMS (NKJV)
 - NOT FROM AROUND HERE "THIS WORLD IS NOT MY HOME"
 - NOT PLANNING TO STAY "I'M JUST A PASSING THRU"
- CHOSEN (NASB), ELECT (ESV, NKJV)

SALUTATION: TO THE CHOSEN (2)

- **BY GOD'S PRE-DETERMINED PLAN TO CHOOSE...**
 - THROUGH THE SPIRIT'S WORK
 - FOR OUR OBEDIENCE (22)
 - UNTO THE BLOOD OF CHRIST
- PEACE THROUGH GRACE

HOPE: FOR THE FUTURE (3-4)

- **A LIVING HOPE**
- **AN ETERNAL INHERITANCE**
 - CAN'T BE DESTROYED
 - CAN'T BE DAMAGED
 - CAN'T BE DIMINISHED
- RESERVED IN HEAVEN

TRIALS: FOR THE PRESENT (5-7)

- PROTECTED BY GOD THROUGH OUR FAITH
 - FOR OUR SALVATION AT THE END
- IN THIS, REJOICING THOUGH TESTED
 - FOR A LITTLE WHILE
 - TO PROVE OUR FAITH
 - REWARDED AT CHRIST'S RETURN

TRIALS: FOR THE PRESENT (8-9)

- •WALKING BY FAITH NOT SIGHT
 - LOVING THE ONE WE HAVE NOT SEEN
 - BELIEVING THE ONE WE HAVE NOT SEEN
 - REJOICING IN THE ONE WE HAVE NOT SEEN
- LOOKING TO THE **OUTCOME** OF OUR FAITH

ANTICIPATION: IN THE PAST (10-12)

- •WE KNOW WHAT THE PROPHETS WANTED TO KNOW
 - ABOUT THE GRACE, THE SUFFERING AND THE GLORY TO COME
 - THEY LABORED FOR OUR BENEFIT
- •WE HAVE WHAT THEY LONGED TO SEE, THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST
 - ANGELS LONGED FOR A GLIMPSE TOO

THEREFORE...

BEHOLY: LIKE HE IS HOLY (13)

- **GET YOUR MIND RIGHT**
- •GET SERIOUS
- FOCUS COMPLETELY ON JESUS' RETURN

BE HOLY: LIKE HE IS HOLY (14-21)

- OUT WITH THE OLD
- **BE LIKE THE ONE YOU CALL "FATHER"**
 - ACT LIKE HIS OBEDIENT CHILD
- REMEMBER THE PRICE HE PAID FOR YOU AND FOR YOUR SAKE
- *REMEMBER YOUR FAITH AND YOUR HOPE ARE IN GOD

LOVE ONE ANOTHER: GENUINELY (22-25)

- OBEYING THE TRUTH PURIFIED YOUR SOUL... AND
- **COMMITTED YOU TO A <u>SINCERE</u> LOVE OF YOUR BRETHREN**
 - FERVENTLY, EARNESTLY, DEEPLY LOVE ONE ANOTHER
 - YOUR BRETHREN WERE BORN AGAIN JUST LIKE YOU...
- THE ABIDING WORD OF GOD IS THE LIFE-GIVING AGENT
 - "AND THIS IS THE WORD THAT WAS PREACHED TO YOU"

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