



1st Peter 2:7-12

The Honor Of Being God's People



Outline of 1st Peter 2:4-12

1. (4-8): Offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God
2. (9-10): Proclaim the excellencies of God
3. (11-12): Keep your conduct honorable, that God is glorified

Sacrifices ACCEPTABLE to God

God accepted the physical sacrifice of JESUS, and now only accepts the spiritual sacrifices of His people through Jesus.

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone."



“The tradition is that at the beginning of the project a very large, fine-looking stone came up from the quarry, but the builders couldn’t fit it in anyplace; so they moved it to one side. Because it was in the way, eventually they just pushed it over the brow of the hill to make room for the other stones that they were receiving and forgot about it. Finally, when all the stones had been fitted into place, they sent down word to the quarry, ‘Send up the cornerstone.’ The building was finished except for the cornerstone. Word came back, ‘We sent the cornerstone to you at the very beginning.’ Then they remembered, ‘That’s the stone we pushed off the hill!’ So with a great deal of effort, they had to haul the stone back to the top of the hill, and they found it did fit right into place.” [McGee]

Isa. 8:14-15 (ESV)

"And He will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. (15) And many shall stumble on it. They shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken."

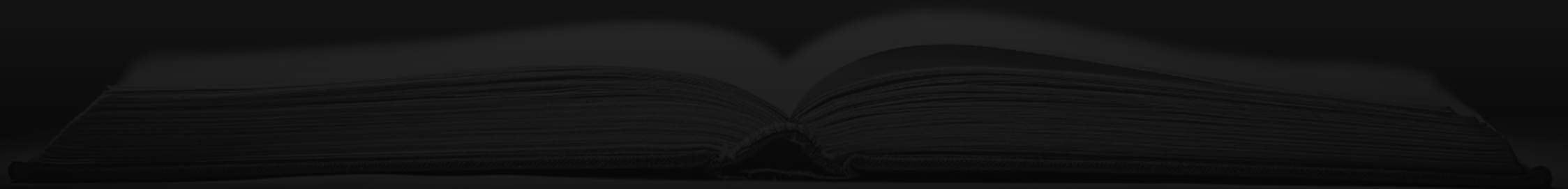


Summary of 1 Peter 2:4-8

Jesus Christ is the *cornerstone* of a new living temple, and believers are incorporated into this living temple to serve as a new priesthood that offers up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. These sacrifices are acceptable to God because Jesus Christ is **precious**—*choice* to God—and everything we offer through Him is equally precious and choice. The Jewish remnant had this honor (and so do we), but the non-remnant was disobedient to the word and stumbled over the Messiah and will face judgment.

Gal. 3:28 (ESV)

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”



Exodus 19:6 (ESV)

"‘and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”



Deut. 26:19 (ESV)

“...He will set you in praise and in fame and in honor high above all nations that He has made, and that you shall be a people holy to the LORD your God, as He promised.”



Romans 12:2 (ESV)

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."



1 Thes. 4:1 (ESV)

"Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more."

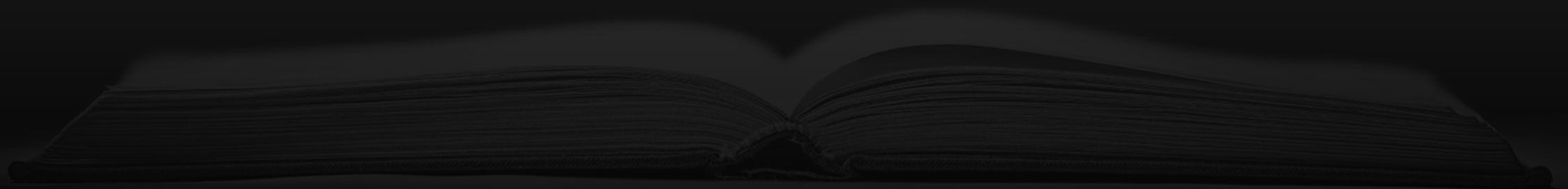


Excellencies of God to proclaim--He is:

Sovereign:	He rules all things
Righteous:	His character is the standard of right and wrong
Just:	His judgment is perfect
Loving:	He gives Himself for us
Omniscient:	He knows all things
Omnipresent:	He is always everywhere
Omnipotent:	He is all-powerful
Immutable:	He never changes
Eternal:	He always has been and always will be

Psalm 119:142 (ESV)

"Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true."



Romans 12:19 (ESV)

"Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'"



Summary of 1 Peter 2:9-10

The believing Jewish remnant was a choice race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, for the purpose of proclaiming the excellencies of God who called them out of darkness and into His marvelous light. For before they were not the people of God and had not received mercy, but now they were and had. Likewise, Gentile believers are a part of the present people of God and should proclaim God's marvelous attributes to the world.