

(1:5). Christians who are persecuted have an example in Jesus' sufferings for them. His sufferings were effectual--the accomplished redemption, enabling believers to respond as they should (2:21-25). Part of our response is to be a holy life--pure and free from the world--a true testimony to the nature of God (1:13, 16).

For further study:

1 PETER by Alan M. Stibbs is a helpful commentary in the Tyndale series. I & II PETER by Gordon H. Clark is a careful study of these epistles. BORN ANEW TO A LIVING HOPE by Robert Mounce is a devotional commentary on both 1 and 2 Peter. TRIED BY FIRE by F.B. Meyer is a reprint of an older homiletical work.

b. Extended Notes

(1) Chapter Summaries

1. Our living hope. Trials in view of God's purposes for believers...as holy children of God, imitate the Father.

2. As living stones built into a temple. As priests living and following Christ, our example.

3. Responsibilities of wives and husbands...do good to persecutors.

4. Changed lives of believers...sharing Christ's suffering.

5. Exhortation to elders and younger men, Humble yourselves, stand firm, closing notes.

(2) Special emphasis

--the Christian's life as a priest  
--contrasting causes for suffering  
--subjection in the body

(3) Special problem: The Noachic citations and the items indicated therein.

c. Closing summary and conclusion

A powerful book fulfilling in the New Testament the hope of Leviticus 19 in the Old Testament.

4. II Peter and Jude

a. An Overview

The canonicity of II Peter was long debated in the early church. Clement of Alexandria included II Peter in his Bible (c. AD 200); other early writers including Clement of Rome, may have alluded to it. It was used by the author of the pseudigraphic Apocalypse