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I. A Word to Wives

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1 Peter 3:3-4 (NIV)

3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. 4 Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.



She served her husband as her master, and did all she could to win him for You, speaking to him of You by her conduct, by which You made her beautiful ... Finally, when her husband was at the end of his earthly span, she gained him for You.

*– Augustine of Hippo (354 – 430),
N. African Bishop and Theologian*

II. A Word to Husbands

1 Peter 3:7

III. Called to Blessing

1 Peter 3:8-12

Luke 6:27-28

27 But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Genesis 12:1-3

The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

*2 “I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great, ...*

Genesis 12:1-3

2 ... and you will be a blessing.

*3 I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.”*

IV. Suffering Unjustly

1 Peter 3:13-17

Proverbs 19:25

*The fear of man lays a snare,
but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.*

V. The Suffering of Christ

1 Peter 3:18-22

Spirits in Prison?

1. Who are the spirits in prison?

- Humans who were alive in the days of Noah.

2. What did Christ preach?

- A message of repentance, through Noah, which they did not heed despite having ample time to do so.

3. When did He preach?

- During the time Noah was building the ark.

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Conclusions

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Matthew 24:36-39

*36 "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son. but the Father only.
37 For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, 39 and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.*