

1 PETER 1:17

I. *And if ye call on the Father,*

- A. If ye call upon him as _____ Father
- B. A quote from Barnes NT Notes concerning prayer: *Conversation with God is real prayer. A Christian may as well be characterized by that as by any single title - a person of prayer.*
- C. Salvation and forgiveness of sin after salvation comes through _____
1. Ac 2:21 *And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*
 2. Ro 10:13 *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*
 3. Ps 86:5 *For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.*
- D. De 4:7 *For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for?*
1. Spoken to God's people, Israel, by Moses
 2. The concept is true of every _____ today—"Who beside believers have God so near to them that they can call upon Him?"
- E. Believers talk to God in their prayers, and He _____ them.
1. Ps 4:1 *Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.*
 2. Ps 4:3 *But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.*
- F. Prayer is the believer's avenue of seeking _____ from their enemies.
1. Ps 18:3 *I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.*
 2. Ps 86:7 *In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.*
 3. Ps 91:15 *He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.*
- G. We are admonished to _____ upon the Lord in prayer at all times
1. Ps 105:1 *O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.*
 2. Ps 145:18 *The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.*
 3. Isa 55:6 *Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:*
- H. The Scripture indicates that it is _____ for believers to call on the Lord
- 1Cor 1:2 *Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:*

II. *Who without respect of persons*

- A. God is _____, and does not take bribes
1. De 10:17 *For the LORD your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God who does not show partiality nor take a bribe. NASV*
 2. 2Chr 19:7 (Jehoshaphat) *said to the judges, "Take heed to what you are doing, for you do not judge for man but for the LORD, who is with you in the judgment. ⁷ Now therefore, let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take care and do it, for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, no partiality, nor taking of bribes. NKJV*
- B. God is _____ concerned with a person's nationality, skin color, education, etc.
1. Acts 10:34-35 *Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God*

is no respecter of persons: 35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. (Spoken by Peter when he took the Gospel to the _____ people for the first time, which opened the door for non-Jewish people become a part of the N T church.)

2. *Rom 2:10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: 11 For there is no respect of persons with God.*

III. Judgeth according to every man's work,

- A. This is written to _____
- B. *I Cor 3:11-15a For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss*
- C. *2Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad*

IV. Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

- A. "Conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile" **ESV**
- B. "This speaks of the believer's temporary residence on earth. This is not the believer's permanent home, but you are strangers and sojourners." **Barnes NT Notes**
- C. We are going to "pass the time of our sojourning". Will we pass it doing our _____, or will we pass it doing the will of the Lord?
- D. Peter is trying to _____ the believers to keep their focus on the fact that one day they must stand before their God to receive eternally for what they have done temporally.
- E. As believers we must focus on the _____ and live in the present influenced by the fact that this life is only temporary. Our _____ living is yet to come in the presence of the Lord. Therefore, we should be living in the _____ of the Lord now.