"Chosen Outcasts" 1 Peter 3: 13 - 22 July 31, 2011

God Has Chosen A People For His Own Possession & Made Them Outcasts In The World, (vs. 2: 9 - 11)

- God's Choice Protects Those Who Suffer For Righteousness Sake, (vs. 13 22)
 - A. It is better to suffer neglect for Christ than to hide in the "shelter" of the world, (vs. 13 17); "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

 ""For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ""And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified."(Romans 8:28–30 ESV)

B. It is better to "hear" the Gospel than to ignore the reality of judgment, (vs. 18 - 22); "Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ""again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." ""For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ""So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ""for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. ""Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ""For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ""And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.""Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ""For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. "(Hebrews 4:6-15 ESV)

- God's Choice Signifies The End Of Life As We Knew It While The World Carries On, (vs. 4: 1 11)
- God's Choice Requires A Standard That Only The Elect Will Achieve, (vs. 12 19)
- God's Choice Mandates A Submission To God's Methodology, (vs. 5: 1 11)