



*This World is Not My Home*  
*1 Peter 4:12*

# Suffering for the Name of Jesus

**1 Peter 4:12-19** - <sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory<sup>[b]</sup> and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup> Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup> For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup> And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,  
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>19</sup> Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

# We Are Strangers in This World

- **1 Peter 1:1** - To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion...
- **1 Peter 2:11** - 11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

# Do Not Be Surprised at Fiery Trials

- **1 Peter 4:12** - - 12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.
  - You're aliens here.
  - You're strangers here.
  - This is **NOT** your home.

# Hymn – This World is Not My Home

This world is not my home I'm just a-passin' through

My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue

The angels beckon me from heaven's open door

And I can't feel at home in this world anymore

# As Christians We Will Face Opposition

- **Matthew 5:10-12** - 10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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- **John 15:19** - 19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.
- **2 Timothy 3:12** - 12 Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted...

# As Christians We Will Face Opposition

- **The people of the world are surprised when Christians do not engage in debauchery with them.**
- **1 Peter 4:4** - 4 With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you...



# The Right Attitude – Not Anger But Rejoice

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# Christians Will be Hated for the Name of Jesus

- **Matthew 10:22** - 22 ...and you will be hated by all for my name's sake.

# Judgment – Light Has Come Into the World

- **John 3:19** - 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.