

**“Principles of Encouragement in Suffering Injustice”  
(Selected Texts from 1 Peter)**

**Introduction**

**Thesis:** I want you to consider with me a number of principles from this epistle that I trust will give you a godly perspective in handling social injustice.

- I. Be encouraged by your \_\_\_\_\_ when suffering unjustly (1:1-5).
  
- II. Rejoice that your faith is being \_\_\_\_\_ through suffering unjustly (1:6-9).
  
- III. Be a testimony of \_\_\_\_\_ while suffering unjustly (1:13-17; 2:11-12; 3:8-9; 4:1-5, 7-11).
  
- IV. Long for the \_\_\_\_\_ when suffering unjustly (1:23-2:3).
  
- V. Be reminded of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ when suffering unjustly (2:4-11).
  
- VI. Follow the \_\_\_\_\_ in suffering unjustly (2:19-23).
  
- VII. Realize you are to be a \_\_\_\_\_ when suffering unjustly (3:1-4, 7; 13-16).

VIII. Understand that you are \_\_\_\_\_ when suffering unjustly for Christ (4:14-19).

IX. Know that God will \_\_\_\_\_ a humble heart from suffering unjustly (5:6-11).

## **Conclusion**

### **Related Texts:**

#### **2 Peter 1:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. <sup>4</sup> For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

#### **Joshua 1:8-10**

<sup>8</sup> This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. <sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

<sup>10</sup> Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

#### **2 Timothy 2:19**

<sup>19</sup> Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness.”

#### **Matthew 5:16**

<sup>16</sup> Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

#### **Matthew 5:10-12**

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

#### **James 4:6-10**

<sup>6</sup> But He gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, “GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.” <sup>7</sup> Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.