

Endurance Under Trial

MBM September-October Holiday Devotions

As we press on with 2020, many of us are starting to feel weary, with our energy and patience flagging. As we look forward, we wonder how long this age of caution, lockdowns, less social contact and often financial struggle will continue. Many or most of us are battling in these strange times and need encouragement to endure the unknown days and even years ahead.

1 Peter was written to Christians in what is now modern Turkey. These Christians were also in need of endurance, but not because of a plague or virus. Rather, they were being discriminated against, persecuted and suffering because they loved Jesus. So the apostle Peter wrote to encourage them to endure through the struggle of their circumstances. We, too, can profit from his words to God's saints then.

Below is 1 Peter in 12 readings (Monday-Saturday both weeks). As you read each passage – either on your own or with your household – try to answer one or all three of the questions below. Then pray to the Father for grace to remember his great promises and for help to endure in living well for him, through every trial.

- 1. What things does this passage encourage us to endure?**
- 2. How does this passage encourage us to endure them?**
- 3. What reason does this passage give us to endure those things?**

Week 1:

- 1 Peter 1.1-9
- 1 Peter 1.10-12
- 1 Peter 1.13-21
- 1 Peter 1.22-2.3
- 1 Peter 2.4-2.12
- 1 Peter 2.13-2.17

Week 2:

- 1 Peter 2.18-2.25
- 1 Peter 3.1-7
- 1 Peter 3.8-21
- 1 Peter 4.1-4.11
- 1 Peter 4.12-4.19
- 1 Peter 5.1-5.12