With the Master in the Fiery Furnace

Extended Lesson/Chapter Descriptions

1. Introduction to I Peter - 1 Peter 1:1-2
Peter is a timely study for our generation. Our world is becoming morally corrupt at a rapid pace, and the persecution for believes is increasing. Will we be prepared for the coming scourging when God pours out His wrath? 1 Peter will aid in preparing us for that day!

2. The Four-Fold Blessing of Our Redemption - 1 Peter 1:3-7
Peter begins his letter with a wonderful greeting which includes a four-fold blessing of our redemption: That of a promised hope; a perpetual inheritance; being powerfully protected; and precious trials.

3. The Importance of the Prophets - 1 Peter 1:8-12
One of the most exciting things that the prophets predicted was the sufferings of Christ and the glory of the Lord, along with the grace given to us. We will consider our attitudes that we should have towards the risen Christ and the righteous prophets in this lesson.

4. A Call to Holy Living - 1 Peter 1:13-16
What is holiness and is it really attainable in this life? Peter will answer those questions as he writes regarding the means to holiness, the mandate for holiness and the motivation for holiness.

5. The Cost of Eternal Life - 1 Peter 1:17-21
Seldom do we consider what it cost the Son or the Father at Calvary, but Peter reminds his readers of this in our lesson. We will consider the judgment of the Father, the Sacrifice of the Son, and the Plan of the Father as we look to the Cost of Eternal Life.

6. Loving the Brethren - Peter 1:22-25
The prominent way that the world will know we belong to Christ is by our love for one another. Peter addresses this important and needed subject in these verses. Our salvation produces a right understanding of our relationship to others, to the Word and to ourselves.

7. Get Rid of Sin and Grow - 1 Peter 2:1-3
Many believers today are stagnant in their spiritual walk because of life dominating sins which are taking their appetite for spiritual things. Peter addresses this topic as we consider our grievous sins, our need to grow up and our gracious Lord.

8. Jesus: Precious or Offensive - 1 Peter 2:4-8
There are only two ways to look at our Lord; He is either precious or offensive. Which is He to you? We will consider what He is to us when we study, how do we recognize a living stone and how do we recognize the chief cornerstone?

9. Priests, Pilgrims, and Peculiar People Giving Praises to God - 1 Peter 2:9-12
Peter reminds us in this lesson that we have the wonderful privilege and responsibility to win the lost by our lips and by our lives. What are the four characteristics of the genuine believer, of those who are chosen of God, who have a heart for the lost? Listen to find out!

10. The Christian's Response to Government - 1 Peter 2:13-17
At times it is difficult to live in a world where the government is corrupt and has no fear of God. Peter's readers dealt with a corrupt government, and yet he gives encouragement as he tells us who do we submit to, why do we submit and how do we submit to ungodly leaders.

11. **Our Supreme Example in Suffering: Christ Our Lord -** 1 Peter 2:18-25
Suffering for the name of Christ is sometimes difficult. However, Peter encourages his readers to look at Christ for the supreme example of suffering. We will consider the servants call to patient suffering and the Savior's example of patient suffering.

12. What Does a Beautiful Woman Look Like? - 1 Peter 3:1-6
Many women today have bought into the lie that if they

could be beautiful, skinny and sexy they would have everything in life and in their marriage. Is that what the Bible says? Peter will mention 6 qualities of a beautiful woman that each lady would be wise to emulate.

13. The Rest of the Story - 1 Peter 3:7-9
Peter turns the corner from the role of the wife to the role of the husband. He will give two responsibilities of the husband along with 8 responsibilities we are to have one towards another.

14. Five Keys to Loving Life - 1 Peter 3:10-12
Hating one's life and taking one's life has become commonplace in our world. However, for the believer, they should love life and embrace it. But for some Christians life might seem overwhelming. Why? Peter writes there are five keys to loving the life that God has given us.

15. The Providence of God - 1 Peter 3:13-17
Recent statistics show only 2% of all Christians share their faith. That is shocking considering the great commission Christ left us to share the gospel. There are many excuses given as to why the gospel is not given. Peter gives us six keys to being an effective witness.

16. Those Spirits in Prison - 1 Peter 3:18-22
We have come to one of the most difficult portions in 1 Peter to interpret. There are over 2000 interpretations of this passage alone! Join us as we endeavor to unpack this passage and consider the reasons for: Christ's suffering, God's longsuffering, and Christ's ascension.

17. The Past, the Present, and the Future Life of a Believer - 1 Peter 4:1-6
Some of us become weary at times as we walk the Christian life wondering, "Is this Christianity stuff worth it? My life before Christ wasn't that bad!" Peter encourages his readers not to give up as he writes regarding the believer's present life, former life, and future life.

18. How to Occupy Until He Returns - 1 Peter 4:7-8
Peter writes in these two verses as to what we are to do be doing while we wait for the Lord's return. We are to occupy in four different ways, and it's not to eat, drink, do drugs and party on!

19. Knowing and Using Your Spiritual Gifts for the Glory of God - 1 Peter 4:9-11
Many believers do not serve the body of Christ because they do not know what their spiritual gifts are. We will consider what the spiritual gifts are in this lesson along with five attitudes that should accompany our usage of those gifts.

20. What to do in the Furnace, Part 1 - 1 Peter 4:12-14
Peter's readers were undergoing tremendous persecution as we have been learning in our study. Often we ask the Lord why is this happening, and how should I go through this suffering? Peter answers those questions in our two-part series of what to do in the furnace.

21. What to do in the Furnace, Part 2 - 1 Peter 4:15-19
We continue with our second half of the why's and how's of suffering. This should encourage each of us to go through trials with confidence and a desire to glorify God.

22. What Does a Good Pastor Look Like? - 1 Peter 5:1-4
In a recent sermon my husband preached, he mentioned the problem with pastors today is they are cowards and politicians. This should not be for a shepherd of a flock of God. Peter writes the job description of the pastor; the three-fold attitude and the motive of the pastor.

23. Four Reasons to Avoid Pride - 1 Peter 5:5-9
Pride is an awful sin that plagues every one of us. In fact, at the root of all our sinning is pride. In this lesson we are going to consider four reasons why we must avoid the awful sin of pride.

24. A Hopeful End - 1 Peter 5:10-14
Peter, the apostle of hope, ends his epistle with six reasons to retain a hopeful attitude under fiery trials. This is an encouraging end to our study.



"All flesh is like grass,
And all its glory is like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
And the flower falls off,
But the word of the Lord endures forever."
1 Peter 2:24-25