

THE BATTLES AND THE WAR

I Peter 1:13-16

Introduction:

- A. These people have had many glorious things happen to them.
 - 1. Were born again. vs. 3.
 - 2. Possessed an incorruptible inheritance. vs.
 - 3. Were kept by the power of God. vs. 5
 - 4. Were better than angels. vs. 12.

- B. Things were bad and would get worse.
 - 1. "ye are in heaviness." vs. 6
 - 2. "the trial of your faith." vs. 7
 - 3. Things were bad on outside and inside.
 - a. Jewish and Pagan persecutions.
 - b. Inside. vs. 2:1- .

- C. They were not above their Master, neither are we.
 - 1. Jesus said, "If the world hates me, it will hate you."
 - 2. Paul, "Yea, and all that live godly, in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution."

- D. They were to prepare for more to come.
 - 1. "Wherefore, gird up the loins of your mind."

- E. Our life is not one battle but many.
 - 1. There is one war.
 - 2. Eph. 6:12-13, struggle, principalities and powers

I . "WHEREFORE, GIRD UP THE LOINS OF YOUR MIND.

- A. gird up = long flowing robes were gathered up under a belt, to get ready for action.

- B. the loins = lower back and thighs.

- C. of your mind = prepare your minds for action
- D. be sober = temperate, abstinent, sober minded, watchful.
 - 1. This is serious business.
- E. "and hope to the end."
 - 1. "fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you."
- F. "for the grace that is to be brought unto you, at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

II. "AS OBEDIENT CHILDREN" VS. 14

- A. obedient = hearing attentively, listening.
 - 1. "Be ye doers of the word, not hearers only."
 - 2. Wise man building on the rock.
 - a. "hearing and doing."
- B. "not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance."
 - 1. fashioning = to give the same form with, to conform to anything.
 - 2. "don't behave as you did when you were lost."

III. "BUT AS HE WHICH HATH CALLED YOU IS HOLY, SO BE YE HOLY."

- A. holy = to have veneration and awe, to feel somethings are sacred.
 - 1. To our age, nothing is sacred.
- B. "In all manner of conversation."
 - 1. manner = every.
 - 2. conversation = way of life.

IV. "BECAUSE IT IS WRITTEN VS. 16

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- A. Do, because of divine revelation.
 - 1. Emotion, pride, fear, competition, loyalty, jealousy, friendship...

