

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR TIME

I Peter 1:17-25

Introduction:

- A. "pass the time of your sojourning in fear."

- B. Time is indeed a relative thing.
 - 1. Hospitals and Nursing Homes.
 - a. Time passes slow.
 - 2. Visits with loved ones.
 - a. Time flies.

- C. God has given us all the same amount of time.
 - 1. Not same in some respects. Old. Young.
 - 2. We all have 24 hour days.

- D. How should the Christian "pass the time"?

" IF YE CALL THE FATHER "
" IF YE CALL GOD, FATHER. "

- A. Some do not call God "Father."
 - 1. They curse Him as evil.

- B. Some call Him Father but will not obey Him.

- C. The implication.
 - 1. "If ye call God, Father."

II . "WHO JUDGETH EVERY MAN"

- A. Three dimensions of judgments:

- B. "everyman"
 - 1. Acts 17:29-31.

- C. "without respect of persons."

1. God doesn't look on the outside only.
 2. You will be judged for who you really are.
- D. "according to every man's work."
1. I will be judged for my work, you for yours.
 2. I Cor. 3:13 "everyman's work shall be made manifest."
 3. Rom. 14:4-13. (12,13).
 4. I Cor. 4:1-5.
 5. Be careful when men who have forsaken a profession, become judges of those who haven't.
 - a. Physician = no practice for twenty years.
 - b. Lawyers = hasn't tried a case in twenty years.
 - c. Engineers = Pilots.

I I I . "PASS THE TIME OF YOUR SOJOURNING HERE IN FEAR."

- A. "pass the time" = "during the time of your stay on this earth."
1. You can't cross a river but once.
 2. You don't get a second chance.
- B. sojourning = dwelling beside or near, residence in a foreign land without the rights of citizenship.
- C. fear = reverence, "Let reverence be the spirit of your lives."
1. "fear God and keep His commandments."
 2. Beware when you loose your reverence for God!