

1 Peter 2: 18-25; 3: 8-18; 4: 12-19

Intro: Penny - "I don't deserve this" Good, bad - most important lesson = from many, you unfair treatment - child & parent, school teacher, husband wife, job,

- to bear up under it = kind's favor

Phil 1: 29; 1 Thim 1: 4, 5 - a prayer 1 - They're going to hell
whom 2 - We're going to heaven
How to handle unfair treatment.

I - as to your attitude:

- 1 - Don't Be Surprised - 4: 12 ① not foreign - surprised if not ② we were called to this very thing ③ True in life of X ④ Some doubt their Salvation
- 2 - Don't feel sorry for yourself - 3: 14; 4: 13, 14, 16
Acts 5: 41 - Blessed, rejoice = you are spiritually rich.
- 3 - Don't Be afraid, Don't worry about it.
3: 13, 14 = an apparent contradiction ① no harm = if follow after god ② don't harm inner life - mat 18: 28
③ Those who are eager to possess earthly - are vulnerable & easily hurt.

II - as to your actions

1. Recognize it to be O's will - 3: 17; 4: 19
① as to them its permissive = no power except O allows it
John 19: 10-11; mat 26: 53-54; John 18: 11
② as to us it is perfective - 1: 6, 7 O's means, perfects us.
* you can live by mistreatment, defeated 4: 12
It is a Refiner's Fire, not an Arsenic fire!
2. Concentrate on being completely devoted to X
(Muller) 3: 15 The power of a concentrated purpose
to please Him - mindful of O - 2: 19
- 3 - Keep a good conscience 3: 16 = react in anger if feel guilty
- 4 - Bless the ones who mistreat you 3: 9
① Speak well of ② show active kindness ③ Pray O to bless them
- no revenge - Example of X
- when seek revenge, take over O's right - His business
- Perpetuate wrong