

Cornerstone Church

November 20, 2016

**Sermon Series: Practicing Our Readiness Drills for  
Christ's Return - Seeking God's Guidance from 1st and  
2nd Peter**

Today's Sermon: Examining Ourselves with Godly Fear in  
Our Earthly Exile,

Today's Passages: 1 Peter 1:17-19

**[17] And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, [18] knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, [19] but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.**

Main Point: A healthy fear of God gives genuine  
Christians incentive to live holy lives.

There are three commands Peter gives us that help us  
withstand the temptations to cave while experiencing  
persecution/suffering from the hands of the world.

1. Live in hope.
2. Live in holiness.
3. Live in fear.

1. Fear that you live as if God is not your Father

**And if you call on him as Father**

2. Fear that you live as if God does not mind if you sin (since you think you have a "get-out-of-hell" card in your pocket)

**who judges impartially according to each one's deeds,**

3. Fear that you live as if you are not exiles on earth.

**conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile**

4. Fear that your trust in Jesus is not being evidenced by a transformed life.

**knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers,**

5. Fear that you take for granted (value little the redemption price).

**not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.**

Conclusion: Fear the behavior(s) in your lives that  
indicate you are not trusting in the grace of God to  
save you (which means you are not truly a believer).