

1 PETER 1:17-21

Live Reverently

1. Live in reverent fear

To live shaped by who God is

Not the culture and my 'worldly fears'

2. Because of who your Father is (v17)

Our Father

The judge of each person

Do not domesticate God!

**We must all give an account of our conduct
(but for Jesus we would be condemned!)**

Right view of God produces a right fear that produces holiness

The Power of Expulsive Fear

My fear of God is greater than any of my worldly fears

3. Because we are deeply loved, highly valued v18-20

Redeemed = set free from slavery

Backdrop is Passover (lamb)

God redeemed the Israelites through the blood of the lamb!

We have been redeemed from the empty way of life

Life as non-believer

We have been redeemed by the most precious thing God has...

The blood of His Son

This produces different kind of fear - not trembling but AWE

Create a drawing fear of awe - that minimises all worldly fear

Yet sadly we lose this sense of awe through over-familiarity

Leading to ingratitude and complacency

4. Because you are part of a bigger plan with a glorious future v20-21

His purposes are not an afterthought! v20

God determined before history even began that Jesus would appear to save at this time!

For our sake!

For through Him we become part of God's big plan and purposes.

SO THAT our faith and hope are in God

Looking forward to being raised and glorified like Jesus

Creating a drawing fear as I look forward to what will be, to my glorious hope it spurs me on!