

**LESSON 5**  
**1 Peter 2:11-17**

“I, the Lord, am your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt; Open your mouth wide and I will fill it. But My people did not listen to My voice; and Israel did not yield to Me so I gave them over to the stubbornness of their heart to walk in their own devices. Oh that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!”

(Psalm 81:10-13)

Our loving God and gracious Father still speaks to us through His Word. He wants us to *listen* and to *yield* so He can satisfy us. But we must *choose* to do so. Let's “open wide”!

Review your memory verses: 1 Peter 1:3-5, 2:1-3. (I did it! \_\_\_\_)

Read 1 Peter through at one sitting. (I did it! \_\_\_\_)

Read 1 Peter 2:11-17 *thoughtfully* five times. 1\_\_ 2\_\_ 3\_\_ 4\_\_ 5\_\_

1. Peter begins this section by referring to his readers as “beloved” (NASB) or “friends” (NIV). What does Peter convey to them (and to us) by the use of this term?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Having read this section five times (you did, didn't you?) and reading on through chapter 3, you'll see that Peter is giving these folks some hard words. Couple this fact with his calling them beloved, and what application do you see for yourself when you have to relate to others?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Peter, in verses 11 and 12 urges us to do two things. What are they?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. How will acknowledging ourselves to be aliens (expatriates) and strangers help us to do these two things?





15. In 2:17, Peter writes that we are to honor *all* people. Why? (See also Genesis 1:27.) What are some specific ways you can honor others this week?
16. Why are we to “love the brotherhood of believers” (NIV) and what are some specific ways for you to do so this week? (Notice also that 1 Peter 1:22 says we are to “love from the heart” or un-hypocritically.)
17. Why are we to fear or revere God? How can you demonstrate this in *your* life specifically?
18. How can we fulfill the command to honor the king? (Think about the fact that all humans are made in the image of God.)
19. Summarize the main principle that God has taught you from 1 Peter 2:11-17. (Pulling our thoughts together and getting them down in a summary, helps us see what we have really learned.)