

**Daily Bread with Brother Hwa-Chi (Not reviewed by the speaker, for personal use only)**

**1 Peter 3:16-20**

Brothers and sisters, peace be with you, this is Hwa-Chi. Thank the Lord, it's time to read the bible again. Today, we will continue to read 1 Peter Chapter 3, verses 16 to 20.

In 1 Peter 3:13-17, Peter addresses saints enduring hardships, encouraging them to endure suffering for righteousness' sake, which brings blessings. Moving on to verses 18-22, Jesus Christ is presented as the ultimate example for us, and details of His resurrection from the dead are highlighted, insights that Peter received through the Holy Spirit. Today, our theological frameworks, mostly built on Paul's epistles, can find Peter's unique insights challenging. My perspective holds that God cannot be fully defined by human theology, so I prioritize Scripture to adjust theological frameworks. If adjustments don't harmonize with existing logic, humility is required to acknowledge limitations and incompleteness, as Paul mentions in 1 Corinthians 13:12, noting our current knowledge is partial until we see the Lord face to face.

Why mention this? Because 1 Peter 3:20-21 is among the most difficult passages in the Bible. There are many interpretations; I choose those most convincing to me and endeavor to corroborate them with other scriptures. I ask fellow believers to approach with open minds, prayerful hearts, and discerning spirits. These details aren't fundamental to salvation and can be interpreted differently. I also caution against interpretations contradicting foundational truths, merely offering them for consideration. In the passage about suffering for righteousness, we learned yesterday to sanctify the Lord God in our hearts, enabling us to respond peacefully to unjust treatment and persecution, revealing our hopeful demeanor. When asked about the source of our hope, we should be ready to answer with a gentle and quiet spirit.