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with him in the holy mount.

Responsive Reading 1 Pet 1:1-9

Peter

We see a lot of Peter in the gospels. Peter is often talking before he thinks. He is often saying things of the day but they were not always accurate. The last book in the Old Testament, last verse says that Elijah the Prophet must come before the Great and Terrible Day of the Lord.

The Apostle Peter was one of the three people who were among Jesus closest circle of friends. Peter, James and John went with Jesus at special times like the mount of transfiguration. Mat 17:1-13 Here Moses and Elijah were with Jesus and Jesus was lighted with His glory. This experience would have been riveted into their brains. Both Peter and John were to experience Jesus crucifixion and this would help preserve them through this trial. Peter was at a loss for what to do, so he says "It is good that we are here, we can build shelters for you and Moses and Elijah" because he thought they needed to stay. God basically says shut up and listen to My Son. We, like Peter can talk too much when we should be listening. They weren't there to work but to experience who Jesus really was. Jesus tells them not to say anything to anyone about this until after he came back to life. Jesus mission was to be the sacrifice for mankind but if the world was to figure out who He really was, no one would touch Him because He was God and His mission would not work.

Mark 5 :37 Jesus took Peter, James and John in when He brought Jairus's daughter back to life after she was dead. Again, here we see Jesus being careful not to let out His true identity. It is God who can resurrect from the dead. Again, Jesus told them not to spread around what He had done.

We see Peter in action again, when Jesus comes walking on the water across the Sea of Galilee. Peter says, this looks cool, can I walk on water too and Jesus says come, so Peter does. Then he turns to look at the others in the boat, look at me and down he goes into the water. Lord save me, I perish. And Jesus did reach down and pull him out of the water. As long as his eyes were focused on Jesus, he was ok but when he turned to see what others thought of him, down he went. So it is with us, as we look upon Jesus we are ok, but when we try to get others to look at us, we will fall.

Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" Peter pipes up and says that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus said, flesh and blood has not



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On this rock, will I build my church. Some people think that Jesus was saying in that Peter was the foundation. What Jesus was referring to is the fact that ideas are God's and not that of flesh and blood. We can't say Peter is infallible.

Matt 16:21 From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. **22** Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from you, Lord: this shall not be unto you. **23** But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, **Satan**: you are an offence unto me: for you savor not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Jesus was rebuking the spirit that was driving Peter, not Peter. We are still human, we can make mistakes and God still loves us. Even though Jesus said this plainly, Peter didn't believe Jesus. He didn't want to think that God could be taken and crucified. He was thinking like a man. He like other Jews wanted Jesus to set up His kingdom and get rid of the Roman rule.

We also see the classic mistake that Peter made, he was on fire for Jesus and he said, I will do anything for you, even die for you, but God had a different idea for Peter, He wanted him to build up His church, which Peter eventually did. Jesus heard Peter's boast, then He said you will deny me three times before the cock crows. Peter didn't fully understand the idea of Jesus sacrifice. In the Garden, Peter is still trying to defend Jesus when he swung his sword and cut off the high priest's servant's ear. He was aiming to cut off his head. Jesus knew that this could become a contention, so He put his ear back on. And you know the story, Peter did deny Jesus three times, but God still loved him. After Jesus resurrection, Jesus went to Peter and said If you love me, build up my church. Which Peter did. We need to live our lives by adding Thy will be done. Peter did up lift the early church. He wrote this letter to strangers which we are also.

1 Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, **2** Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. **3** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy has begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in heaven for you, **5** Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** Wherein you greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, you are in heaviness through many temptations: **7** That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: **8** Whom having not seen, you love; in whom, though now you see *him* not, yet believing, you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: **9** Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.



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In closing,

Peter was one of the disciples in Jesus inner circle.

He made many of his own mistakes, talking too much.

Thinking like the people of the time.

The rock that Jesus will set His church upon is not Peter but the idea that he was God
taught. Peter made his share of mistakes but God loved him anyway.

Even though Peter was willing to die for Jesus, God had a better job for him to do, raise
up His church. Jesus told Peter, if you love me feed my sheep, support my people. We
need to add, Thy will be done. Sometimes we only see things from our perspective
when God has a different idea. Peter talked big, like he would die for Jesus but when
the chips were down, he denied Jesus. As he grew in his walk with God, at the end of
his life he died on the cross rather than deny Jesus.

Peter's letter was written to strangers of which we are also strangers.