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2. So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. Verse 2. Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, NLT





<p>Verse 6. As the Scriptures say, "I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." Verse 7. Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. NLT</p>			

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But for those who reject him, "The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone." Verse 8. And, "He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall." They stumble because

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23 they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them. Verse 9. But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, NLT

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you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. Verse 10. "Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy." NLT



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and they will give honor to God when he judges the world. Verse 13. For the Lord's sake, respect all human authority -- whether the king as head of state, Verse 14. or the officials he has appointed. For the king has sent them to punish those who do wrong and to honor those who do right.







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But if you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you. Verse 21. For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example,

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31 and you must follow in his steps. Verse 22. He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone. Verse 23. He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the NLT



