**Scripture:** 1 Peter 1

**Psalters:** 134 – 426:5, 7, 9 – 235 – 111

**Believer’s Devotion**

I. Chief motivation II. Chief expressions III. Chief encouragement

**I. The chief motivation**

A. None of us live without a *motivation*

B. Peter links the Christian’s motivation to God’s grace (vs. 13)

 2. Peter links motivation to Christian living to God’s grace: vs. 13

a. saving heart grace experienced becomes fruitful Christian life

C. What are *motivating truths for the scattered strangers?* (vs. 1-12)

 1. If you are one of those *you were chosen in sovereign love (2, 3)*

 2. If you are one of those *you have an incredible future* (vs. 4)

 3. If you are one of those *you are secure* (vs. 5)

D. Do we live *out of the ‘wherefore’ of these truths?* (Heb. 12:1)

 1. Peter hints at *life being a journey or race* (vs. 13a)

**II. The Chief expressions of devotion**

A. Devotion has a surprising *synonym*

B. Peter lists various aspects of this new *obedience*

 1. **Have the *right* mindset:** Gird up the loins of your mind (Ex. 12:11)

a. born again souls are travelers not stayers

 b. born again souls need to stay focused

 2. **Have a watchful prayerful mindset:** Be sober (also 4:7; 5:8)

a. ‘drinking world’ affects spiritual life (Eph. 5:18-19)

b. compare with James 4:4 & 1 John 2:15-17

 3. **Aim at God’s mindset:** Be holy as God is holy (14-15)

a. refresh definition of holy: *devoted love* (vs. 18-19)

 b. *fashioning yourselves* isn’t aiming at *clothing styles*

● not living like Eph. 2:1-3: *according to former lusts*

● we were dominated – rules – guided by lust (Titus 3:3)

● God’s will: *get rid of all this sinful leaven*

- love fervently

 - all the brethren

c. make such love your prayer and agony to be!

 4. **Aim for Jesus’ mindset:** Pass your time of sojourning in fear (v. 17)

a. None feared God more beautifully than the Son of Man

 b.  *A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be*

*a father, where is mine honor? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the Lord of host unto you, O priests, that despise my name? (Mal. 1:6)*

**III. Chief encouragement**

A. The hope of God’s promise to be fulfilled upon Christ’s return (13b)

 1. The ‘revelation of Jesus Christ’ refers to *His return on the clouds*

 2. Be therefore of good courage: *for what Jesus began in grace, He will*

 *bring into glory!* (John 17:24)

● Hope is the Biblical shorthand for *unconditional security*

Close: Are you without Christ? Then you are without hope. (Eph. 2:12)

A. Look closely in face of *the world!*

 1. Not as you now perceive it

 2 But when you see *spend up humans before awaiting death*

Turn you, at my reproof:

behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you,

I will make known

my words unto you.