

Living Stones

1 Peter 2:1-12, Psalm 118:22-24, Isaiah 8:11-17

“We can live 40 days without food, 3 days without water, 8 minutes without air, but only a single second without hope” - Unknown

⁴As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

- **Matthew 16:16-18** – “And I tell you that you are Peter and on this rock I will build my church.”

‘Petros’

‘Lithos’

“See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” – **1 Peter 2:6 (Isaiah 28:16)**

☞ “Now to you who believe, this stone is precious.” – **1 Peter 1:7**

“To whom shall we go – you alone have the words of eternal life!” (John 6:68)

☞ “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone.” – **verse 7**

1 Peter 2:8 – “A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” (Psalm 118:22)

Eugene Peterson – *For the untrusting it’s. . . a stone to trip over, a boulder blocking the way.*

- “Jesus is our greatest attraction and the greatest offence. In the end, He cannot be avoided.” – **P. Greenslade**

“They stumble because they disobey the message...” – v.8 (Isaiah 8:14)

✎ “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” – **1 Peter 2:9**

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

“Out of all the peoples on the face of the earth, the Lord has chosen you to be his treasured possession.” – **Deuteronomy 14:2**

✎ **Isaiah 43: 4** – “Since you are precious and honoured in my sight and because I love you...”

¹¹⁻¹² Friends, this world is not your home, so don't make yourselves cosy in it. Don't indulge your ego at the expense of your soul. Live an exemplary life among the natives so that your actions will refute their prejudices. Then they'll be won over to God's side and be there to join in the celebration when he arrives (Message)

- A man's life is always more forcible than his speech. When men take stock of him they reckon his deeds as dollars and his words as pennies. - C.H. Spurgeon.
- I would not give much for your religion unless it can be seen. Lamps do not talk, but they do shine. - Source Unknown.