

**Sermon Outline**  
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**Don't Be Surprised**  
**October 25, 2015**

**Old Testament:** Job 23:1-17

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-14

**Sermon Text:** 1 Peter 4:12-19

**Do not be surprised v. 12 (“Close your gaping mouth”)**

[12] Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

John 15: 20-21

1 Peter 1:6-7

**Share Christ's sufferings v. 13-16 (“Don't squirm – Rejoice!”)**

[13] But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. [14] If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. [15] But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. [16] Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

Exodus 16:10, 24:16, 40:34-35

Isaiah 4:5, 6:4-5

Numbers 16:42

Mark 1: 9-11

1 Kings 8:11

Acts 2:1-4

**Time for judgment to begin v. 17-18 (“Turkey is full of Christian Ruins”)**

[17] For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? [18] And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

(Turkey Watch statistics quoted from: <http://www.carolcohen.org/turkeywatch/>)

**Entrust yourself v. 19**

[19] Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Jeremiah 31:35-37

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