

The Stumbling Stone

1 Peter 2:6-8

1. Result of _____ on the Stone (v. 6-7)
 - a. Should surely not be put to _____
 - b. Instead, given _____
2. Result of _____ the Stone (v. 7-8)
 - a. State of being _____
 - i. At their _____
 - ii. At the _____
 - b. Act of _____
 - i. Due to _____
 - ii. Due to _____
3. Emphasis on the _____
 - a. Laid in _____
 - b. _____ and precious
 - c. The _____

"And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." (Matthew 21:44)

"Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory?" (Romans 9:21-23)

For Further Study

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Read the following passages:

1. Psalm 118:19-22
2. Isaiah 8:13-15
3. Isaiah 28:14-17
4. Matthew 21:33-46 or Mark 12:1-12 or Luke 20:9-18
5. Acts 4:8-12
6. Romans 9:30-10:13
7. Ephesians 2:19-22

The stone, cornerstone, rejected stone, stumbling stone – a common theme woven throughout Scripture. What makes these themes so readily understandable? What is the Holy Spirit saying through Isaiah, the Psalmist, Jesus, Luke, Peter and Paul?

- Everyone who encounters the stone is affected by it.

1. According to 1 Peter 2:6-7, what happens to the one who embraces the stone in faith?

Explain the phrase "should surely not be put to shame." What are the implications for the present? For eternity?

What is the "honor" that Peter describes?

2. According to 1 Peter 2:7-8, what happens to the one who rejects the stone in disbelief?

Assumedly, this person would not be free of shame. Again, what are the present and eternal affects of this?

The unbeliever will also "stumble." What does this look like? How does the "rock of offense" describe the unbeliever?

3. The last verse ends with "as they were destined to do."

Read the Romans passage on the reverse of this page (9:21-23). Discuss the doctrine of "reprobation." Ask the pastor for help or guidance on this topic if necessary.