

Questions to Consider—With the Master in the Fiery Furnace—Lesson 8--1 Peter 2:4-8-Jesus,
Precious or Offensive?



1. (a) Read 1 Peter 2:4-8. List the names or characteristics that Peter uses for believers and for unbelievers. (b) Also read over Acts 4:1-13 and note how Peter applies these same characteristics to the Jewish leaders.
2. Memorize 1 Peter 2:7, 8.
3. (a) What kind of garments were the priests to wear, according to Exodus 28:1-2 and Psalm 132:9? (b) What kinds of restrictions were put on their personal lives, according to Leviticus 21? (c) What was a priest to do, according to Numbers 18:7; Malachi 2:7; Hebrews 9:6, 7? (Also skim Leviticus 8 and 9 to answer this question.) (d) Taking what you have just learned, how does this help you to understand what Peter says in 1 Peter 2:5?
4. (a) What are some of the spiritual sacrifices we as believers should be offering to the Lord, according to Psalm 4:5; 50:14, 23; 51:17-19; 141:2; Micah 6:6-8; John 4:24; Romans 12:1-2; 15:16; Ephesians 5:2; Philippians 2:17; 4:17-18; Hebrews 13:15-16 and Revelation 8:3? (b) Which of these sacrifices do you need to be offering to the Lord?
5. Isaiah 8:14, 15 and Isaiah 28:16 are two of the quotes Peter uses in 1 Peter 2:6-8. Read both of these chapters in Isaiah. (a) What was happening in Isaiah's time that caused him to write these things? (b) How does this help you to understand better what Peter was saying in 1 Peter 2:6-8?
6. Read Romans chapter 9, and especially note verses 14-24. (a) How does this reiterate what Peter says in 1 Peter 2:8, "... being disobedient to the word to which they were also appointed"? (b) What do you think this means? (c) How do you rectify this with what Peter says in his 2 Peter 3:9?
7. In what ways is the Lord Jesus precious to you?
8. In looking over question 4, where could you improve in your service to God? Please put this in the form of a prayer request.