

## 1 Kefa 3:8-12 Do No Evil

In my last post, we explored **about Wives and Husbands**. In this post, we learn that we are commanded to **Do No Evil**.

**Kefa** concludes his argument from 2:13–3:7 in the verses following 3:8, although this conclusion flows directly into his next argument. It reinforces the sense of mutual consideration **Kefa** wishes to engender in household relationships, within limitations imposed by the culture he addresses.

*<sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you, be one in mind and feeling; love as brothers; and be compassionate and humble-minded, <sup>9</sup> not repaying evil with evil or insult with insult, but, on the contrary, with blessing. For it is to this that you have been called, so that you may receive a blessing. <sup>10</sup> For*

*"Whoever wants to love life and see good days  
must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit,  
<sup>11</sup> turn from evil and do good,  
seek peace and chase after it.  
<sup>12</sup> For Adonai keeps His eyes on the righteous,  
and His ears are open to their prayers;  
but the face of Adonai is against  
those who do evil things." <sup>1</sup> ~ 1 Kefa 3:8-12 (CJB)*

The most pressing need is for unity as **Believers**, which involves humility and a readiness to develop brotherly love. Retaliation must be exchanged for blessing, a principle which is illustrated from Psalm 34.

Too many congregations are characterized by attitudes and actions that are shameful. But **Yeshua** told His followers the world would know they are His **talmidim** if they *love one another* (John 13:35). Once again, **Kefa** repeats his Lord's teaching, telling **Believers** to *love one another*. For **God's** power and blessings to flow to his people, the **Kehilah** (church) must live in alignment under **King Yeshua**. The **Kehilah** is like an embassy in a foreign land. It's where the rules and ethics of eternity operate within history.

Before the cross, we are all on equal footing. Therefore, we ought to *be compassionate and humble-minded*. When insulted, you are to **bless** so that you may inherit a *blessing*. **God** blesses believers *with every spiritual blessing in the heavens* (Eph 1:3). To access them and see good days, you must place yourself under His rule and authority. That means taming your *tongue*, turning from *evil*, doing what is *good*, and pursuing *peace*. But those who do what is evil will find Him opposing them.

I deliberately left today's post short to accommodate by next post which will cover more ground when we will learn about **Undeserved Suffering** in 1 Kefa 3:13-22.

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<sup>1</sup> Psalm 34:12-16