

Ready to reply **I Peter 3:13-17**

Question: *Who is going to harm you if you are zealous to do good?*
Compare to rhetorical questions in Rom. 8:32, Ps. 56:4.

Realize suffering for doing good is not a bad thing to fear. 14,17

*You are *blessed* / *happy* = *fortunate*, 4:14, Mtt. 5:10.

*It's *better than* suffering for wrongdoing (vs. 17). See same in 2:19, 20, 4:15,16. This is a "better-proverb" (as in 2 Pt. 2:21, I Cor. 7:9)

*Isa 8:12,13 = fear vs. revering the Lord of Hosts. . . which is Jesus!

Ready yourself to reply with a defense for your hope. 15

*Our *defense* = *apologia* (apologetics) What does *hope* entail?

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1:13--

2:21--

*Note, Scripture does talk of unprepared defenses that are thrust upon the apostles in court scenarios: Mtt. 10:18-20, Mk. 13:11, Lk. 21:14.

Responding with gentleness and reverence is a must. 15b

*Similar to 2 Tim. 2:24-26. *Reverence* = lit. *fear*, as in 3:2, 2:17,18.

*We can be dead right with our answers but have no effect if too cocky.

Revilers have a hard time slandering good behavior. 16

*A *good conscience* because of *doing good* is a must, as in 2:12,15.

*Again the "shame" suggests judgment day (4:4,5)