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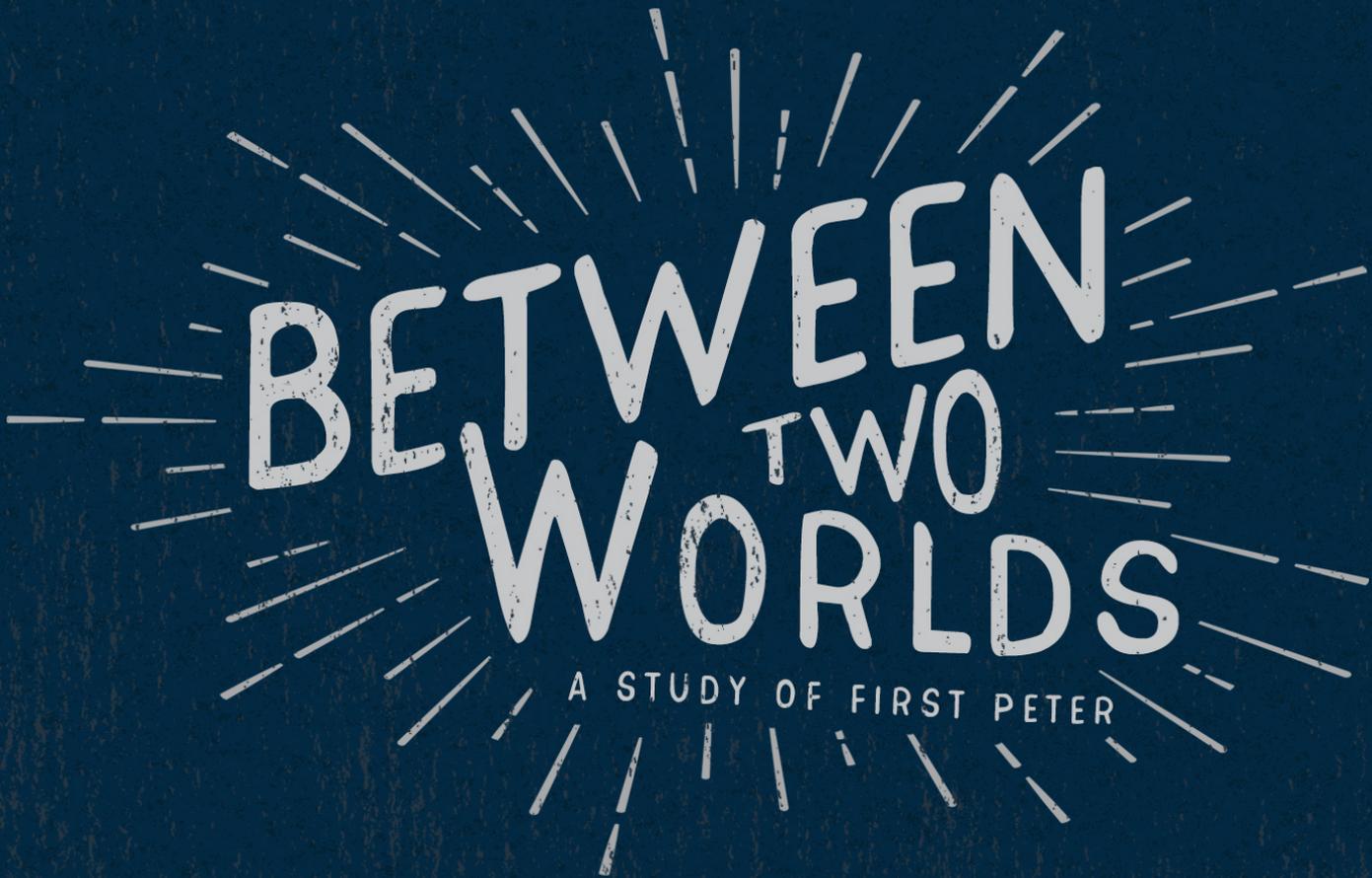
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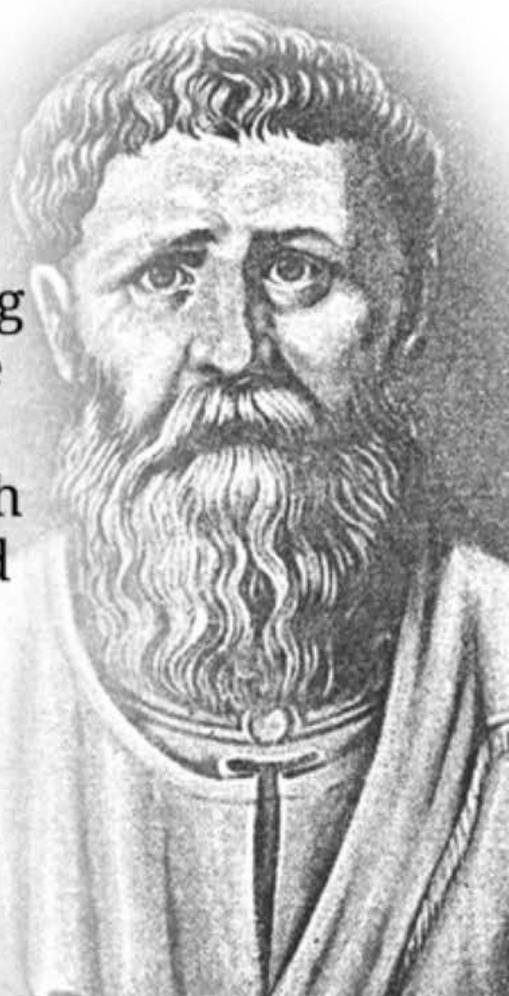
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BETWEEN  
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A STUDY OF FIRST PETER

Because it is necessary to be loved and feared by men, on account of certain functions in human society, the Adversary of our true happiness keeps urging and spreading 'Well done, well done' among his snares for us. The purpose is that, while we are greedily gathering them in, we may be caught in our carelessness and put our joy far from Thy truth and in the fallacies of men; that we may be pleased at being loved and feared, not on account of Thee, but in place of Thee.

**SAINT AUGUSTINE**



# Previously in 1 Peter

## 1 Peter 1:3-5

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

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## Dictionary



an·thro·po·cen·tric

*/,anTHrəpə'sentrik/*

*adjective*

regarding humankind as the central or most important element of existence, especially as opposed to God or animals.

"when we assess animal intelligence we tend to take a very anthropocentric view"

# The prayer of the anthropocentric

## Luke 18:9-12

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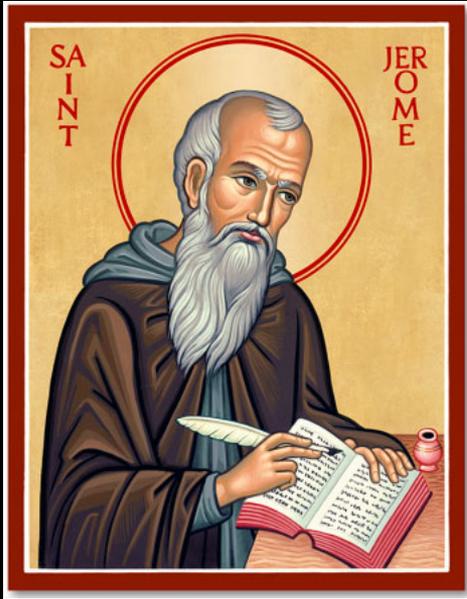
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# The most important context: God

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Think what a sin it must be  
which has God for its opponent.  
~ St. Jerome, 347-420

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## God's Antidote to Materialism: Generosity - Daily Hope with Rick ...

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Week 2 of the Small group Bible studies from Generosity church. One hour is recommended for this study.

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## God's Antidote to Materialism: Generosity - Pastor Rick's Daily Hope

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The New York Times

NEWS ANALYSIS

## The 'Some of My Best Friends Are Black' Defense

It's a myth that proximity to blackness immunizes white people from doing racist things.



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I'm not a murderer.

Some of my best friends are alive.

~ Sean Lock, British comedian

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“True humility is  
not thinking less of  
yourself; it is  
thinking of yourself  
less.” **C.S. Lewis**

## The anthropocentric error in Peter

### Matthew 16:21-23

<sup>21</sup>From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

<sup>22</sup>Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

<sup>23</sup>Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

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