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 - *A holy nation*
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4. For what purpose has God chosen us to belong to him?
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6. What does Peter say about our **identity** in v. 11? In what sense are we *aliens and strangers*?
7. How should this affect the way we live? (v. 11)
8. What **exhortation** does he give in v. 12, and for what purpose?
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