

THE GOD OF ALL GRACE: 1 Peter 5:6-11

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- **The devil devours faith by telling lies to drunk naval-gazers**, especially when they are suffering.
- **This is why we must humble ourselves**, cast all our anxieties on God, resist the devil firm in the faith, and put all our stock in the God of all grace. There's the sermon in a nutshell.

1. HUMBLE YOURSELVES BECAUSE YOU HAVE A REAL INTERNAL ENEMY (v.6-7)

Do not exalt yourself, you are not impressive.

- **My Pride seeks to exalt me.**
- Not one place in the entirety of God's Word are we told to "Be humble." Yet we are frequent commanded to "Humble yourselves."
- **It takes rigor; it takes action;** it takes constantly remembering who I am outside of the grace of God; who I am without the strength God supplies; who I am if I have to stand before God with only my works to offer Him and not clothed in the righteousness of Jesus.
- Pride also seeks to bring God down.

Cast all your anxieties on God, for he cares for you.

- **Peter is not saying I won't have anxieties.** He is saying when I have anxieties I MUST REMEMBER THE GOSPEL—I must remember God cares for me in Christ and cast my anxieties on Him!
- **If you are ever able to grab hold of Pride & take the mask off it's face**, you would see your own face looking back at you.
- **We must humble ourselves**—not exalting and not holding on to our anxieties—because we have a real internal enemy. And we have a real Savior who cares for us!

2. BE SOBER MINDED BECAUSE YOU HAVE A REAL EXTERNAL ENEMY (v.8-9)

- **Be sober minded.**
- **Pride—either self-exaltation or anxiety—is like 200 proof alcohol.** It does not take much to get you thinking and acting like a fool.
- **Be watchful.**
- Pride in any form makes you vulnerable because it has you looking only at yourself. **Naval gazing.**
- **Those who are drunk on themselves** make easy prey for the enemy of their faith.
- **The devil devours faith by telling lies to drunk naval-gazers**, especially while they are suffering (1 Peter 8-9).

Q. How do we resist Exalting ourselves and Worrying which lead to drunken naval-gazing, leaving us open to believe the lies of the devil as we suffer? **A.** Peter's answer, the LORD Jesus' answer, is this:

3. PUT ALL YOUR STOCK IN THE GOD OF ALL GRACE, BECAUSE THAT IS THE ONLY WAY YOU WILL ENDURE (v.10-11)

- **Calvin comments**, "After having sufficiently dwelt on admonitions, he now turns to prayer; for doctrine is in vain poured forth into the air, unless God works by His Spirit."
- Investment bankers will tell you to diversify your investments. Don't put all your eggs in one basket. But with Jesus, friends, he is able to keep every egg secure. He is able to bring a thousandfold return on every investment.
- **You need not diversify your hope, your faith, or your rest.**
- **You can hope in Christ**, he will fulfill every single word he has promised. *Joshua.*
- **You can trust in Christ Jesus**, he has lived the life of righteousness you should have, he has died the death you deserved, and he is risen from the dead at the right hand of God the Father right now as your Advocate.
- **You can rest in Christ Jesus**, who did not say "I am finished" but on the cross said "It is finished." He has finished the work of redemption for ALL WHO WILL TRUST IN HIM and HE WILL restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.
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