

First Peter: "Living in Hostile Territory by the Grace of God"

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Text: 1 Peter 5:5-14

INTRODUCTION:

Peter describes 3 *essential* _____ that Christians must cultivate; attitudes that will aide them in their journey (pilgrimage) thru what is oftentimes a very unfriendly, if not downright hostile, world.

1. ATTITUDE #1: _____ (5b-7)

This was not an admired trait in the first-century pagan world.

Towards Others (vss. 5b-6)

A. Our _____
See Phil. 2:5-8 and John 13:3-11

B. The _____
1) God opposes the proud
2) God gives grace to the humble

Toward God (vss. 6-7)

A. _____ will this _____?
Bowng to His wisdom, accepting the twists & turns of His providence

B. _____ will this be _____?
"Casting all your anxiety on him, for he cares for you." The background for this encouragement comes from Psalm 55 (esp. verse 23).

What to do with life's cares? NOTE who is in this verse:

- 1) _____ are in this verse.
- 2) Your _____ are in this verse:
- 3) _____ is in this verse.

Do you wonder if He cares? Then go to Romans _____:_____.

2. ATTITUDE #2: _____ (vss. 8, 9)

A new tho't here; an admonition to spiritual watchfulness. Peter gives his readers several practical instructions to help us get victory over the enemy

A. Don't be _____ or _____.

Several thoughts:

1) The devil's great hope is to be _____.

2) Scripture nowhere commands us to _____ him.

3) Our Lord has _____ him once and for all.

B. _____ him (8)

C. _____ him (9).

Compare: Ephesians 6:10-20

1) Don't be _____ (6:10-12)

- About our _____
Our adversary is not to be taken lightly; he is God's archenemy (ours too). Our wicked foe has an army of accomplices (demons)
They are POWERFUL ... WICKED ... CUNNING (his schemes)
- About our personal _____.
- About our coming _____.
An ordinary day(s) when Satan will strike with extraordinary force

2) Don't be _____ (6:13-17)

We are to "put on the full armor of God."

3) Don't be _____ (6:18-20)

3. **ATTITUDE #3:** _____ (vss. 10-14)

A. We have God's _____.

He is "the God of all grace" - forgiving grace; transforming/enabling grace; "Grace to help us in our time of need" (Heb. 4:16).

B. We know we are _____ to _____.

He "called you to His eternal glory in Christ". The road may be difficult, but it leads to glory . . . and that's all that counts.

C. We know our present suffering is only for a _____.

Our trials are only for "a little while" (1:6), but the glory that results is eternal. See 2 Cor. 4:17.

D. We know our trials are building Christian _____.