

I Peter 5:5-7

Being Submissive, Humble, And Casting Anxieties Upon The Lord

I. Introduction:

- A. The Lord hates pride and arrogancy (**Proverbs 8:13**).
 - 1. In regard to individuals (**Proverbs 16:5**).
 - 2. In regard to nations (**Isaiah 13:19**).
- B. The proud are erring from the commandments of the Lord (**Psalms 119:21**).
 - 1. Pride is not a “stand-alone” problem, as other sinfully carnal actions typically come about through pride (**Habakkuk 2:4-5**).
 - 2. That pride just adds sin to sin (**I Timothy 6:3-5**).

II. Body: *“Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you” (I Peter 5:5-7).*

- A. The relationship of younger saints with older saints (**I Timothy 5:1-2**).
 - 1. Considering how one would normally view family members, because as saints we are a family (**Mark 3:31-35** and **Ephesians 3:15**).
 - 2. This does not mean there is supremacy nor should saints ever seek that over each other (**Matthew 20:20-28**).
 - 3. As earlier indicated in this letter, “love as brethren” (**I Peter 3:8**).
- B. All being subject one toward another (**Ephesians 5:21**).
 - 1. Understanding the balance, we are all brethren (**Matthew 23:8**).
 - 2. While there are roles we are to fill (**I Corinthians 11:3**), being in Christ means we are one (**Galatians 3:26-29**).
 - 3. We are all to serve one another (**Romans 15:1-3** and **Galatians 5:13**; cf. **John 13:1-17**).
- C. The proud vs. the humble (**Luke 14:7-11** and **James 4:6-10**).
 - 1. Think about the difference between a proud person and an honorable person (**Proverbs 29:23**).
 - 2. Even of old, the instruction is to walk humbly with God (**Micah 6:8**).
 - 3. The humble being exalted in due time (**Matthew 23:11-12**).
- D. Casting your care [anxieties; (Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon)] upon Him (**Philippians 4:6-8**).
 - 1. There are worldly anxieties that are very dangerous (**Mark 4:18-19** and **Luke 21:33-34**).
 - 2. There are spiritual anxieties too (**II Corinthians 11:28**).
 - 3. Understanding that He is not going to physically prevent us from going through difficult times in this world (**Acts 14:22** and **James 1:12**).

- a. Remember, this letter is written to those who had suffered for the cause of Christ and were going to continue do so (**I Peter 1:1; 1:6-9; 2:11-12; 2:21; 3:14-18; 4:1-2; 4:12-14; 5:8-10**).
- b. Be careful not to err like many do today in applying verses (i.e. **Psalms 34:17**) as though God is working in such fashion today. He is not! Consider what it looked like when He did act in such as way and how it was not hidden (**Daniel 6:1-28** and **Acts 12:1-19**).
- c. Remember what happened as the first century progressed regarding such requests (**II Corinthians 12:1-10**).

E. He cares for His saints (**I John 3:1**).

1. Conditionally (**Psalms 85:8, Proverbs 15:9, Ephesians 6:24** [cf. **John 14:15**], and **Jude 1:21**).
2. Outside of our own choices, no one can separate us from Him (**Romans 8:37-39**).

III. Conclusion: Our Next Study; *“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen”* (**I Peter 5:8-11**).