

Submit to God and Resist the Devil

I Peter 5:5-11

I Peter 18

Introduction

This passage is one of the most read and most quoted passage in the Bible. It is full of beautiful and wonderful truth.

(Read I Peter 5:5-11)

I. Submission

(Read vs. 5)

Respect = submission

This is speaking of showing respect to church leaders.

Remember the last session was for elders, or pastors.

This passage continues by telling folks to submit to those pastors.

This is talking about listening to them and obeying the things they teach you from the Bible. It is not talking about obeying their personal whims.

It also tells us to submit to one another.

The implied meaning is to stop grumbling, gossiping or being devicive.

Younger people here does not refer to age necissarily. It probably means anyone who is so immature that they feel that do do not have to submit to others.

II. Humble Yourself

(Read vs. 6)

The last part of the book has been about suffering.

Humble submission is the key to the Christian life amid suffering.

Humility before God means depending upon Him rather than yourself. It also means depending humbly upon others whom God may send your way to help you.

We should always be willing to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God.

Job 30:20-21- *"I call to you for help, but you don't answer me. I stand up, but you just look at me. You have begun to treat me cruelly. With your mighty hand you assault me.*

Ezekiel 20:33, 37- *"As I live, declares the Almighty LORD, I will rule you with a mighty hand and a powerful arm, and I will pour out my fury. ...Then I will make you suffer punishment and make you keep the terms of the promise.*

Micah 6:8- *You mortals, the LORD has told you what is good. This is what the LORD requires from you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to live humbly with your God.*

We should leave the exalting to God.

III. Worry

A simple formula to stop worry is: Prayer = a stop to worry.

This especially applies to anxious worry.

Worry implies a problem in you submitting to God's authority.

The answer to this problem is to take your problems and worries to God in prayer- cast them upon God and let Him manage them.

IV. **Satan**

(Read vs. 8-9)

He is the real enemy.

He tries to get people to blame each other or God for their sufferings.

The Bible tells us here that Satan is like a starving lion in his restless hunger to find, defeat, and devour God's children.

We should never underestimate the power of Satan, we should also never underestimate the power of God.

God is greater.

God is in us.

When we make the decision to resist the devil because of the fact that God is within us, the devil will flee.

Ephesians 6:12-18-*This is not a wrestling match against a human opponent. We are wrestling with rulers, authorities, the powers who govern this world of darkness, and spiritual forces that control evil in the heavenly world. For this reason, take up all the armor that God supplies. Then you will be able to take a stand during these evil days. Once you have overcome all obstacles, you will be able to stand your ground. So then, take your stand! Fasten truth around your waist like a belt. Put on God's approval as your breastplate. Put on your shoes so that you are ready*

to spread the Good News that gives peace. In addition to all these, take the Christian faith as your shield. With it you can put out all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Also take salvation as your helmet and the word of God as the sword that the Spirit supplies. Pray in the Spirit in every situation. Use every kind of prayer and request there is. For the same reason be alert. Use every kind of effort and make every kind of request for all of God's people.

James 4:7- So place yourselves under God's authority. Resist the devil, and he will run away from you.

We just not just pray, but we should pray vigilantly.

I Peter 1:13- Therefore, your minds must be clear and ready for action. Place your confidence completely in what God's kindness will bring you when Jesus Christ appears again.

We should be careful not to allow worry to rob us of our joy and peace.

V. Sufferings Are Temporary

(Read vs. 10-11)

This is a reminder of the temporary nature of all suffering.

It is also a reminder that the real purpose of suffering is to perfect, strengthen, and settle us.

Notice the words used:

Perfect- prepare and restore you

Establish – turn you in the right direction

Strengthen- confirm your spiritual knowledge

Settle- found you- as to set you firmly

Folks, there is no shortcut to character, There is no detour around difficulty, However, there is a daily walk with Jesus through it.

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Possible Answers: perfect, submitting, gossiping, truth, respect, age, enemy, shortcut, personal, humility, underestimate, walk, rob, prayer, rob