

LIFE IN EXILE

SUSTAINED BY HOPE IN A HOSTILE WORLD

1 Peter - Part 21

FAITHFUL SHEEP (Continued - Part 2)

What the Chief Shepherd Expects from His Flock

(1 Peter 5:5b-11)

INTRODUCTION:

REVIEW AND OVERVIEW:

THE CONTEXT: (v. 1)

"Therefore..."

● THE EXILES AND THEIR PRESENT SITUATION: (v. 1a)

"Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal when it comes upon you to test you..."

—1 Peter 4:12-19

● PETER AND HIS PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION: (v. 1b)

"I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed..."

THE FRAMEWORK: (v. 1-11)

1. THE SUMMARY EXHORTATION FOR ELDERS : (1 Peter 5:1-5a)

"Therefore I exhort the elders among you, shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock."

- The primary responsibility of, the pending reward for, and the proper response to faithful elders.
- Through the use of the familiar Christological metaphor, Peter reminds his fellow elders that shepherding involves, instruction ("feed the flock"), protection ("guard the flock"), and direction ("lead the flock"); and is to be carried out eagerly and exemplary.
- Submission, which Peter has emphasized throughout his letter as an essential mark of spiritual maturity in every area of life, should characterize the scattered exiles response to their spiritual shepherds in the body of Christ.

2. THE SUMMARY EXHORTATION FOR EVERYONE : (1 Peter 5:5b-11)

"And all of you, clothe yourselves..."

FOUR VIRTUES OR ATTITUDES OF FAITHFUL SHEEP:

1A. THE ATTITUDE OR VIRTUE OF HUMILITY : (v. 5b-6)

"Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.' Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you."

1B. The What: *Humble yourselves.*

2B. The Why: *God opposes the proud and graces the humble.*

2A. THE ATTITUDE OR VIRTUE OF DEPENDENCY : (v. 7)

"...casting all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you."

1B. The What: *Throw all your concerns upon Him*

2B. The Why: *He cares for you.*

3A. THE ATTITUDE OR VIRTUE OF _____ : (v. 8-9)

"Be of sober spirit, be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished among your brethren who are in the world."

1B. The What:

2B. The Why:

• LUKE 22:31- 32:

"PETER, YOU HAVE AN _____!"

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4A. THE ATTITUDE OR VIRTUE OF _____ : (v. 10)

"And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you."

1B. The _____ What:

2B. The _____ Why:

CONCLUSION:

"To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen." (v. 11)