

1 Peter 5:5-9

Humility & Rest

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Know your place

5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

- *Likewise*

- ▶ Just as the elders are to submit to God
 - ★ Word for *elders* is same as in v.1
- ▶ Chain of listening¹: Flock → Elders → God

- *younger men*

- ▶ lit. new man, though can refer to just youth
- ▶ New believer, young believer, or any believer that is not an elder?

- *be subject*²

- ▶ Used also in 2:13,18; 3:1,5,22

¹command would be too strong of a word

²that dastardly word!

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- *all of you*

- ▶ No one is exempt from the call to humility
- ▶ Ephesians 5:21 – submit to one another

- *clothe yourselves*

- ▶ "This was the white scarf or apron of slaves, which was fastened to the belt of the vest and distinguished slaves from freemen. Therefore, 1 Pet 5:5 ("gird yourselves with humility as your servile garb") encourages Christians to show their subjection one to another by putting on humility. This could also refer to the overalls which slaves wore to keep clean while working an exceedingly humble garment."³

³Blue Letter Bible (BLB)

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- *clothe yourselves* (cont.)
 - ▶ John 13:4-5 – Jesus washing the disciples' feet
 - ▶ Colossians 3:12 – putting on humility⁴
- *humility* –lowliness of mind
 - ▶ 3:8 – the summation of the marriage relationship
- *GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD...*
 - ▶ Quoted from Proverbs 3:34⁵
 - ▶ How does this statement fit under grace?
 - ▶ How might pride display itself under persecution?

⁴among other things

⁵also quoted in James 4:6

Hands of God

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, 7 casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

- *Therefore* – seeing as God gives grace to the humble
- *humble yourselves...that He may exalt you*
 - ▶ James 4:10 – same exact teaching⁶
 - ▶ When is *the proper time*?
 - ★ When He returns?
 - ★ 5:10 – He will *restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you*
- *casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you*
 - ▶ Psalm 37:5; 55:22; Matthew 6:25
 - ▶ What possible anxieties could he be talking about here?
- What does this all look like in the context of persecution?

⁶James 4:6-10 parallels this passage

Get thee behind me, Santa

8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

- *Be of sober spirit* – i.e. not intoxicated⁷
 - ▶ 1:13 – *preparing your minds for action...*
 - ▶ 4:7 – *...for the purpose of prayer*
- *be on the alert*⁸
 - ▶ Matthew 24:42 – the day of the Lord
- *Your adversary, the devil*
 - ▶ *prowls* – lit. walks about (as in Job 1:7)
 - ▶ *devour* – swallowed up, engulfed, drowned
 - ★ Hebrews 11:29 – Egyptians drowned in the Red Sea
 - ▶ We should be aware of the devil⁹ and his schemes
 - ★ 2 Corinthians 2:11 – *...we are not ignorant...*
 - ★ Are there specific schemes in this context?

⁷but with what?

⁸Ibid.

⁹and the world's system

Resistance is (not) futile

9 But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

- *resist him* – to withstand, resist, oppose¹⁰
 - ▶ James 4:7 – *...Resist the devil, and he will flee from you*
 - ▶ Example: Jesus' temptation in the desert
- *firm in your faith*
 - ▶ 1:5 – *...protected by the power of God through faith...*
 - ▶ Ephesians 6:11 – standing¹¹ with the armor of God
- *Knowing this* – faith comes from knowledge
- *the same experiences of suffering...*
 - ▶ The devil's tactic is to discourage us
 - ★ Romans 11:2-6 – *...I alone am left...*
 - ▶ The whole body of Christ is in this together
 - ★ When one of us is down, all of us are down

¹⁰BLB

¹¹defense not offense

In summation

- God has established a chain of listening
 - ▶ We in the church are under the elders who are under God
- The Christian character is one of humility
 - ▶ We are to clothe ourselves with Christ-like humility
 - ▶ This is especially the case when we are persecuted
 - ★ i.e. not expecting high praise from the world
- The devil is out to get us
 - ▶ We should always be clear-headed and alert
 - ▶ His tactic is to discourage us
- We can always rest in the promises of God
 - ▶ The time is coming when our faith will be made sight
 - ▶ We can stick together through these times