

## Focus on Living for God

1 Peter 5:8-10

- 1Pe 5:8-11 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle [you]. To Him [be] the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## Be Sober

Sober = nēphō

- 1) to be calm and collected in spirit, cautious, serious
- 2) to be free from the influence of intoxicants

A. So we can see Satan's methods

1 Peter 5:8 – Be sober....because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

1Th 5:6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others [do], but let us watch and be sober.

Prov 16:25 There is a way [that seems] right to a man, But its end [is] the way of death

B. So we can see what motivations Satan uses

1 John 2:16-17 - For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

## Be Vigilant

- Vigilant = grēgoreō

1) to watch, give strict attention to, be cautious, be active

2) to take heed lest through stopping and being lazy some destructive calamity suddenly overtake one

#### A. Stay alert about Satan

1 Peter 5:8 - .....be vigilant because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

- How do you handle a lion?  
- David didn't fall asleep with the lion, don't fall asleep with Satan

1 Sam 17:34-35 - But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it.

#### B. Know God and His Word so you can give strict attention to Satan ways

Romans 12:2 - And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what [is] that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Ps 119:11 - Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

Col 3:16 - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

### Resist the Devil

Resist = anthistēmi

- 1) to withstand, resist, oppose
- 2) to set against

#### A. Oppose our adversary by using God's Word

1 Peter 5:8-9 - ...your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith...

James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

➤ Christ used God's Word to resist the devil (Mt. 4:1-11)

-David attacked the lion, we can't kill Satan but with God we can actively oppose him

#### B. There is no reason to fear Satan when God already has the victory

Ps 56:11 - In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

Ps 23:4 - Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

1 John 4:4 - You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

### Christians Will Suffer But It Has Purpose

#### A. We will suffer, but it will never be too much

1 Peter 5:9-11 - ..knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle [you]. To Him [be] the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Cor 10:13 - No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God [is] faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear [it].

- B. Suffering has Purpose
- 1 Pet 3:14 - But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, [you are] blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled."
- Rom 5:3-5 -And not only [that], but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.