

1 Peter - Week 24

Satan Never Rests, so Don't You Either

1 Peter 5:5 All of you clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. 10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

- Satan never _____. The role of _____ has brought many a believer down by the schemes of Satan.
- Put on the white garment of **purity**.

Peter tells us in order to overcome we must:

1. Clothe ourselves with **humility**

- The word [engkombooma] refers particularly to a long white apron, or outer garment, that was commonly worn by **slaves**.
- This humility begins with a humble **mind**.
- For the believer, serving and following is our God-given **responsibility**.
- Proud people trust their own opinions and ideas; they seek attention and many seek **self-glory**.
- Notice: there is a mutual **opposition** between God and the proud, so the word signifies. They war against Him, and He **scorns** them; He resists the proud, because they are like the devil-- enemies to Himself and to His kingdom among men.
- His deliverance came by the **grace** of God.

2. Peter is calling believers not just to humility but also to **submission**.

- Submission is an act of **faith**.
- Anxiety really means here to be **pulled apart**.

Ways God shows us He cares:

- He gives us the **courage** to face our problems and not run away. One of Satan's great tools is the **fear** of the unknown.
- God shows He cares by giving us **wisdom** to understand the situations of life we may be in.

- God gives us **strength** to do what we must do.
The impossible situations are given us to build our **character** and our willingness to persevere.
- He gives us the **faith** to trust Him to do the rest.

3. Be **Watchful**

- Lucifer had a name change. Satan means **adversary**.
- He is against us. Devil means accuser or **slanderer**.

Peter gives them several instructions to help them walk in victory.

- Don't fear him, but **respect** him; he is dangerous.
- Don't get cocky as a believer and never underestimate his ability to **deceive**.

I have taught in the past:

Satan will attack 4 ways:

Mind = **Deception**

Body = **Destruction**

Will = **Disobedience**

Heart = **Despair**

- Satan cannot act **independent** of the will and sovereignty of God.
- Recognize him as the great **pretender**.
- We need to **resist** him.
- Unless we **stand** we cannot **withstand**.
- Our weapons are the Word of God and **prayer**, and the fellowship of other believers.

Final thoughts from Peter:

4. Be **hopeful**

We also have these truths:

- We have God's **grace**
- We have **heaven** to look forward to
- **Suffering** is but a little while
- Our trials are building Christian **character**