

First Peter 5:6-11

First Peter 5:6 – **Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,**

5013 [e]	3767 [e]	5259 [e]	3588 [e]	2900 [e]	5495 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	2443 [e]	4771 [e]
Tapeinōthēte	oun	hypo	tēn	krataian	cheira	tou	Theou	hina	hymas
6 Ταπεινώθητε	οὖν	ὑπὸ	τὴν	κραταίαν	χεῖρα	τοῦ	Θεοῦ	, ἵνα	ὑμᾶς
Be humbled	therefore	under	the	mighty	hand	-	of God	so that	you
V-AMP-2P	Conj	Prep	Art-AFS	Adj-AFS	N-AFS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	Conj	PPro-A2P

ὑψόω = *hupso* /hoop-so-o/ - "to lift up", "to exalt", "to raise high". The word often is used to describe the act of exalting or glorifying someone and raising them to a position of honor or authority.

5312 [e]	1722 [e]	2540 [e]	
hypsōsē	en	kairō	
ὑψώσῃ	ἐν	καιρῷ	, = "time, season, opportunity, fitting season, <u>appointed time</u> "
He may exalt	in	[due] time	
V-ASA-3S	Prep	N-DMS	

1. The Problem:
 - a. The believers are going through suffering,
 - b. Not deliverance
 - c. Not glorification
2. "in due time" is simply "in time" in the Greek, but it means "the proper time" and "when the time is right."
 - a. Matthew 24:45-48 (Luke 12:42) –

"Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if that wicked servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed,'"
 - b. This refers to both in temporal time and in eternal time.
3. "humble yourselves" is done by "casting all your cares on him" (5:7).
 - a. This is still to be understood in the context of the suffering they are facing.
 - b. In humility they are to trust the Lord and know his timing is right.
 - c. These believers cannot respond to their suffering and the "hopelessness" of their present condition by becoming:
 - i. anxious
 - ii. faithless
 - iii. hopeless
 - iv. with despair

5:7 – casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

3956 [e]	3588 [e]	3308 [e]	4771 [e]	1977 [e]	1909 [e]	846 [e]	3754 [e]	846 [e]	3199 [e]
pasan	tēn	merimnan	hymōn	epiripsantes	ep'	auton	hoti	autō	melei
7 πᾶσαν	τὴν	μέριμναν	ὑμῶν	ἐπιρίψαντες	ἐπ'	αὐτόν	, ὅτι	αὐτῷ	μέλει
all	the	anxiety	of you	having cast	upon	Him	because	with Him	there is care
Adj-AFS	Art-AFS	N-AFS	PPro-G2P	V(APA)NMP	Prep	PPro-AM3S	Conj	PPro-DM3S	V-PIA-3S

4012 [e]	4771 [e]
peri	hymōn
περὶ	ὑμῶν
about	you
Prep	PPro-G2P

verb, AORIST participle ACTIVE, nominative masculine plural

ACTIVE tense indicates that the subject is performing the action, rather than being acted upon

AORIST tense is past tense describing a completed action without emphasizing the duration or the point of time it occurred.

1. “Anxieties” is μεριμνα merimna /MEH-reem-nah/ - “care, anxiety, worry”
 - a. Often implying a sense of distraction or concern that divides a person’s attention.
 - b. Here it is worries and concerns that distract from faith and trust in God
2. “casting” is “to throw upon” or “loading.”
 - a. This is not an additional command, but how the original command to “humble yourselves” is done.
 - b. Humbling yourself is not denying yourself of some honor, but is instead placing your trust in the Lord in the midst of suffering.
 - c. The Greek word ἐπιρίπτω – *epiripto* - /ep-ir-hrip-to/ is used to convey the action of casting or throwing something upon someone or something as a deliberate act of transferring a burden or responsibility from oneself to another.
 - d. “Humble yourself” or “casting all your anxieties” is what they are to do instead of:
 - i. Complaining
 - ii. Worrying
 - iii. Compensating
 - iv. manipulating
3. It is as the writer of Hebrews says in Hebrews 12:3-13
 - a. 12:7, “It is for discipline that you have to endure.”

5:8 – **Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.**

3525 [e]	1127 [e]	3588 [e]	476 [e]	4771 [e]	1228 [e]	5613 [e]	3023 [e]
Nēpsate	grēgorēsate	ho	antidikos	hymōn	diabolos	hōs	leōn
8 Νήψατε ;	γρηγορήσατε .	ὁ	ἀντίδικος	ὑμῶν ,	διάβολος ,	ὥς	λέων
Be sober-minded	watch	The	adversary	of You	[the] devil	as	a lion
V-AMA-2P	V-AMA-2P	Art-NMS	N-NMS	PPro-G2P	Adj-NMS	Adv	N-NMS

5612 [e]	4043 [e]	2212 [e]	5101 [e]	2666 [e]
ōryomenos	peripatei	zētōn	tina	katapiein
ὠρυόμενος	περιπατεῖ ,	ζητῶν	τινα	καταπιεῖν ,
roaring	prowls about	seeking	whom	to devour
V-PPM/P-NMS	V-PIA-3S	V-PPA-NMS	IPro-AMS	V-ANA

1. **“be self-controlled”** or “be sober” – (ingressive aorist active imperative)

- This form of the verb commands the believers to STOP being distracted and start being alert and watchful NOW and to CONTINUE into the future.
- Greek means “to be calm and collected in spirit, to be temperate, dispassionate.
- When applied to the mind the Christian it means to see things from the divine view point and not in a distorted fashion influenced by the world in which they are living as:
 - “strangers” (1:1), #4215, *parepidamos*. “who lives alongside of, foreigner temporarily living in a place, staying for a while in a strange place”
 - “strangers” (1:17), #4229, *paroikia*, a temporary residency, temporary stay.
 - Paroikia* means to take residence in a place without taking out or being granted citizen rights.

2. **“be alert”** – (ingressive aorist active imperative)

- This is the same Greek form which means this is a command to STOP and begin NOW and to CONTINUE into the future.
- The believers are commanded to make a decision (choice) to be mentally alert.
 - Do not lose touch with reality.
 - Don’t get so heavenly minded you are no earthly good.
 - In 4:7 it referred to not being so focused on Christ’s return that you neglect your responsibilities here on earth.
 - Here it means do not be so focused on your deliverance and your temporary suffering that you:
 - lose hope,
 - doubt God
 - turn to some stupid pagan philosophy or religion
- “Be alert” literally means “not drunk”
 - It can refer to wine, but is focused on:
 - Mental alertness compared to goofy thinking
 - Reality compared to false philosophies.

vi. Be alert to reality!

3. Both of these (sober, alert) were emphasized in:

a. 1 Peter 1:13-14 -

“Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded (nephontes, 3525), set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance.”

b. 1 Peter 4:7-8 – *“The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled (sophronesate, “be clear-minded”, 4993) and sober-minded (nepsate, 3525) for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.”*

4. POINT:

a. Proper thinking, correct knowledge, focus on the Truth can overcome anxiety.

5:9 – Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

3739 [e]	436 [e]	4731 [e]	3588 [e]	4102 [e]	1492 [e]	3588 [e]	846 [e]	3588 [e]
hō	antistēte	stereoī	tē	pistei	eidotes	ta	auta	tōn
9 ὧς	ἀντίστητε	, στερεοὶ	τῇ	πίστει	, εἰδότες	τὰ	αὐτὰ	τῶν
whom	you should resist	firm	in the	faith	knowing	the	same	-
RelPro-DMS	V-AMA-2P	Adj-NMP	Art-DFS	N-DFS	V-RPA-NMP	Art-ANP	PPro-NN3P	Art-GNP

3804 [e]	3588 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	2889 [e]	4771 [e]	81 [e]	2005 [e]
pathēmatōn	tē	en	tō	kosmō	hymōn	adelphotēti	epiteleisthai
παθημάτων	τῇ	ἐν	τῷ	κόσμῳ	ὑμῶν	ἀδελφότητι	ἐπιτελεῖσθαι .
sufferings	-	throughout	the	world	in your	brotherhood	to be accomplished
N-GNP	Art-DFS	Prep	Art-DMS	N-DMS	PPro-G2P	N-DFS	V-PNM/P

1. Greek says, “your brotherhood” which refers to the group or fraternity of which you are a member.

a. This “brotherhood” is suffering around the world.

2. “Resist him” is aorist active imperative again.

a. In James 4:7 it says resist Satan and he will flee.

3. **Victory** here is not the absence of suffering, but instead the absence of:

a. Doubt in the midst of suffering!

b. Confusion in the midst of suffering!!

c. hopelessness in the midst of suffering!!!

4. “Firm in your faith” does not mean deliverance:

a. Job

b. Psalm 73

	3588 [e]	1161 [e]	2316 [e]	3956 [e]	5485 [e]	3588 [e]	2564 [e]	4771 [e]	1519 [e]	3588 [e]	166 [e]
	Ho	de	Theos	pasēs	charitos	ho	kalesas	hymas	eis	tēn	aiōnion
10	‘Ο	δὲ	Θεὸς	πάσης	χάριτος ,	ὁ	καλέσας	ὑμᾶς	εἰς	τὴν	αἰώνιον
	The	now	God	of all	grace	the [one]	having called	you	to	the	eternal
	Art-NMS	Conj	N-NMS	Adj-GFS	N-GFS	Art-NMS	V-APA-NMS	PPro-A2P	Prep	Art-AFS	Adj-AFS

Establish, Fix, Set Firmly	Strengthen, Make Strong	Lay a foundation, Establish, Ground
4741 [e]	4599 [e]	2311 [e]
stêrixēi	sthenōsei	themeliōsei
στηρίξει ,	σθενώσει ,	θεμελιώσει .
will confirm	will strengthen	[and] will establish [you]
V-FIA-3S	V-FIA-3S	V-FIA-3S

- 5:11 – To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

	846 [e]	3588 [e]	2904 [e]	1519 [e]	3588 [e]	165 [e]	3588 [e]	165 [e]	281 [e]
	autō	to	kratos	eis	tous	aiōnas	tōn	aiōnōn	amēn
11	αὐτῷ	τὸ	κράτος	εἰς	τοὺς	αἰῶνας	τῶν	αἰώνων	ἀμήν .
	To Him [be]	the	power	to	the	ages	of the	ages	Amen
	PPro-DM3S	Art-NNS	N-NNS	Prep	Art-AMP	N-AMP	Art-GMP	N-GMP	Heb

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