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1 Pet. 5:11-12

1 Pet. 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. **Yea, all of you** be subject one to another, and **be clothed with humility: for** God resisteth the proud, and **giveth grace to the humble.**

6 **Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God**, that **he may exalt you in due time:**

7 Casting all your care upon him; **for he careth for you.**

8 **Be sober, be vigilant;** because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

9 Whom **resist stedfast in the faith**, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

10 But **the God of all grace**, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, **after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.**

11 To him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

The last few weeks we have observed how *Grace So Amazing* was connected with believers who “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God...” in 1 Pet. 5:5-6:

1 Pet. 5:6 **Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God**, that **he may exalt you in due time**:

❖ Basically, humility is *THE ROLE OF THE SHEEP*, being wholly dependent upon the Lord.

The passage goes from encouraging the sheep to humility, to warning about the destructive desire of the devil. Sheep, without the Shepherd, are vulnerable to the devouring of the devilish lion. Believers are taught how to defend themselves. In doing so, the passage guides believers in the way to winning the battle over the roaring lion, our adversary.

## I. THE ROLE OF THE SHEEP, 5:5-7

A. Humility is Required, 5:5a

B. Humility is Reasonable, 5:5b

C. Humility is Rewarded, 5:6-7

## II. THE RUSE OF SATAN, 5:8

A. Watching for the Roaring Lion: The Requirements, 5:8a-b

1. Be Victorious, 5:8a

2. Be Vigilant, 5:8b

B. Wariness of the Roaring Lion: The Reason, 5:8c-d

1. Because the Enemy is Powerful, 5:8c

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### III. THE RESISTENCE FOR STEADFASTNESS, 5:9-11

#### A. Warring with the Roaring Lion, 5:9

1. Unyielding Resistance, 5:9a
2. United Resistance, 5:9b

- ❖ The command to be humble, sober, vigilant and to resist the devil is for all believers, in every place around the world.
- ❖ **Following the orders from the *Captain of our Salvation* will lead us to “Winning Over the Roaring Lion.”**

## B. Winning Over the Roaring Lion, 5:10-11

1. God and His Grace, 5:10a “But **the God of all grace...**”

❖ Whatever a believer needs to live victoriously in this present world, God’s grace is sufficient.

2 Tim. 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that **he is able** to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

Heb. 7:25 Wherefore **he is able** also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

2 Cor. 8:7 Therefore, as ye abound in every *thing*, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and *in* all diligence, and *in* your love to us, **see that ye abound in this grace also.**

Eph. 3:20 Now **unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think**, according to **the power that worketh in us**,

2 Cor. 12:9 And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee**: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that **the power of Christ** may rest upon me.

❖ A believer's life is for God's glory, and He is the enabler toward that end.

Phil. 2:13 For **it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.**



## 2. God and His Goal, 5:10b-c

a. The Process, 5:10b “...who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus **after that ye have suffered a while...**”

❖ Believers are “in the view of” the Lord’s eternal glory.

2 Cor. 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day.

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory;

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

❖ The “sufferings” are only temporary, “a while.”

**Original Word:** πάθημα **Transliteration:** pathéma

**Definition:** that which befalls one, a suffering, a passion

**Usage:** (a) **suffering**, affliction, (b) passion, emotion, (c) an undergoing, an enduring.

Under God, *páthēma* ("strong feeling") is *redemptive*, **preparing us to *know the Lord* better now and *forever in glory*** (cf. Ro 8:18; Phil 3:10; 1 Pet 5:1).

[*páthēma* ("strong feeling") **includes affliction (suffering), which should always (ideally) result in knowing God's *glory* – like going through difficulties (persecution, etc.) in *faith*.**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3804.htm>

Rom. 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are not worthy to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

b. The Prospect, 5:10c “...**make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.**”

❖ The Lord, like a sculptor, is actively involved in a believer's life to mold and shape into a masterpiece of discipleship, for His glory.

**Original Word:** καταρτίζω **Transliteration:** katartizó

**Definition:** to complete, prepare

**Usage:** (a) I fit (join) together; met: I compact together, (b) I prepare, **perfect**, for his (its) full destination or use, bring into its proper condition (whether for the first time, or after a lapse).

*katartízō* – **properly, exactly fit (adjust) to be in good working order, i.e. adjusted exactly "down" to fully function.** <https://biblehub.com/greek/2675.htm>

I. to render, i.e. to fit, sound, complete

A. to mend (what has been broken or rent), to repair to complete

B. to fit out, equip, put in order, arrange, adjust to fit or frame for one's self, prepare

C. ethically: to strengthen, **perfect, complete, make one what he ought to be**

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/g2675/kjv/tr/0-1/>

Mt. 4:21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, **mending** their nets; and he called them. (Mark 1:19)

Gal. 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, **restore** such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Heb. 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were **framed** by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

- ❖ The “suffering” is to “make you perfect,” to fulfill the purpose for a believer’s “path to progress,” it is to “make one what he ought to be.”

**Original Word:** στηρίζω **Transliteration:** stérizó

**Definition:** to make fast, establish (**stablish**)

**Usage:** (a) I fix firmly, direct myself towards, (b) generally met: I buttress, prop, support; I strengthen, establish.

*stērízō* – **properly, set fast (fix); give support to secure (firmly establish); solidly plant (which eliminates vacillation)**. <https://biblehub.com/greek/4741.htm>



❖ To “stablish” is to create stability to stand firm during the believer’s storms of life.

**Original Word:** σθενόω **Transliteration:** sthenoó

**Definition:** to strengthen **Usage:** I strengthen.

*Sthenóō* (from *sthenos*, "strength") – **properly, make strong so as to be *mobile* – i.e. able to move in a way that *achieves* something in the *most effective way*.**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4599.htm>

- ❖ As the believer remains steadfast in the faith, the goal is not rigidity, but strength for flexibility, able to bend but not break.

**Original Word:** θεμελιόω **Transliteration:** themelioó

**Definition:** to lay the foundation of **Usage:** I found, lay the **foundation** (lit. and met.).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2311.htm>

- ❖ To be settled is to have a firm foundation in the faith, not wavering.

### 3. God and His Glory, 5:11

1 Pet. 5:11 To him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever.  
Amen.

- ❖ The ultimate goal for a believer is to live a life that will “**make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.**” – for God’s glory throughout eternity!

## Summary

- ❖ Whatever a believer needs to live victoriously in this present world, God's grace is sufficient.
- ❖ A believer's life is for God's glory, and He is the enabler toward that end.
- ❖ The Lord, like a sculptor, is actively involved in a believer's life to mold and shape into a masterpiece of discipleship, for His glory.
- ❖ The "suffering" is to "make you perfect," to fulfill the purpose for a believer's "path to progress," it is to "make one what he ought to be."
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## Conclusion

Psa. 112:4 Unto **the upright** there ariseth light in the darkness: *he is* gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

5 A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

6 **Surely he shall not be moved for ever**: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: **his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.**

8 **His heart is established, he shall not be afraid**, until he see *his desire* upon his enemies.

9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; **his righteousness endureth for ever**; his horn shall be exalted with honour.