

SECOND DAY: Read I Peter 5:8(9)

1. Each one of us needs to take to heart Peter's strong warning in I Peter 5:8. What did he say?

Be ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

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- a. Why? verse 8b

(1.) Seriously consider the enemy's objective: *seeking whom he may devour*. Define *devour*.

(a.) How will being *sober* and *vigilant* protect you from *your adversary the devil*?

2. It is important for us to know our enemy's purposes and tactics: *Lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices*. (II Corinthians 2:11 NKJV). Note what you learn about him from the following verses:

a. John 8:44c

b. II Corinthians 11:14

c. Revelation 12:9,10b

Optional: What warning and instruction did Jesus give to Peter in Luke 22:31,32?

Challenge: What parallels do you see between a lion seeking his prey and the devil?

3. Define what it means to you personally to be:

a. *sober*

b. *vigilant*

THIRD DAY: Read I Peter 5:(8)9

1. In I Peter 5:9 we receive essential instruction concerning spiritual warfare. Rather than run in cowardly fear from the enemy, who *prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for some victim to devour* (I Peter 5:8b NIV) what are we to do? Print your answer from verse 9a.
 - a. *Resist* means to *withstand, be firm against attack*. We *resist* the devil by *standing firm in the faith* verse 9a NIV. Satan wants to destroy our faith in God. How does a believer *stand firm in the faith*? Use Luke 4:1-13 to help you with your answer.

 - b. What is the instruction and promise of James 4:7? Selah - pause and think about this.

2. The word *stand* is very important in our resistance. Read Ephesians 6:10-18 and summarize what you learn about *standing* and *withstanding* the attacks of the enemy.
 - a. How will this instruction help you to be victorious against the enemy?

3. Read I Peter 5:9b. The devil often attempts to discourage and defeat us with the thought that our suffering is unique. How would I Peter 5:9b combat this?
 - a. What encouragement do you receive from II Corinthians 1:3,4?

If God be for us, who can be against us?
Romans 8:31b

FOURTH DAY: Read I Peter 5:10,11

1. I Peter 5:10 is one of the most comforting verses in I Peter. It provides hope for Christians, particularly to those who are suffering. How is God described in verse 10a? Selah.
 - a. *The God of all grace* indicates He is the source of all spiritual comfort and help for every need and His grace is available to all believers. Share a way you have experienced His grace in an impossible or difficult situation in your life.
 - b. What does it mean to you today that you have been *called unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus*?
 - c. How would the phrase: *after . . . a while* comfort those who were suffering?
2. Suffering according to God's will is never wasted! What does *the God of all grace* promise to do *after ye have suffered a while*? Answer from I Peter 5:10c:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e. How does this encourage you today?
3. I Peter 5:11 is called a doxology – a hymn or psalm of praise to God. Express your praise to God as you write verse 11 here.

*Thou art worthy, O Lord,
to receive glory and honour and power.*
Revelation 4:11a

FIFTH DAY: Read I Peter 5:12-14

1. In the closing verses of I Peter we discover several interesting details. In I Peter 5:12a Peter identified *Silvanus* as the one who helped with this letter. Most Bible scholars believe this is a reference to Silas. How did Peter describe this man?

a. What more do you learn about Silas from Acts 15:40,41 and II Corinthians 1:19?

b. Observe Peter's purpose for writing this letter by completing the sentence from verse 12b:

*I have written briefly, _____, and _____ that this is the _____
_____ of _____ wherein ye _____.*

(1.) What does it mean to *stand in the grace of God*?

2. In I Peter 5:13 Peter concluded this letter with a salutation. The reference to *Babylon* in verse 13 cannot be positively identified, but some expositors think it is a reference to Rome. *Marcus* is believed to be John Mark. What do you learn about Mark from Acts 12:12,25?

3. Read I Peter 5:14. It was a common custom then to greet one another with a kiss. Think about Peter's benediction to these believers as you print I Peter 5:14b here.

a. Why is being *in Christ Jesus* necessary to experience this *peace*?

*Peace, give I to thee. Peace, give I to thee.
Not as the world gives, give I to thee.
Peace, give I to thee.
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SIXTH DAY: Review I Peter 5:8-14

1. What did you learn through this week's study that will help you recognize and resist the enemy?

2. Focus once more on I Peter 5:10. How does this verse minister to you today?

3. In what particular way has this lesson:
 - a. strengthened you

 - b. encouraged you

4. Recall a phrase or verse from I Peter 5:8-14 that especially spoke to you. Share why.

*Jesus, mighty God, our Rock, our Fortress, our Defense.
Your conquering arm will be our strength,
O God of power and righteousness.
Every foe will tremble at Your name.
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