

The Threshing Floor-February 1, 2006: “Be Sober and Vigilant, For Your Adversary the Devil Is Seeking Whom He May Devour- by Bob Eccleston

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1 Peter Ch. 5

As we go through this study Peter is showing us how the Elders, teachers and preachers should be conducting themselves in staying within God-s will.

This study also shows the consequences of not following the will of God. It is these people who find themselves in harms way of the enemy. Being outside of the will of God takes you outside of the Psalm 91 protection.

VS. 1-Here we see that Peter is speaking of fellow Elders. These are those who know His word. Peter reminds them that he witnessed the suffering of Jesus, that he walked with Jesus and that he heard the savior-s teachings by his own ears.

Peter opens with the proof that he has the credentials to be sharing this with his fellow Elders, those leaders within the church.

Exhort: S-3870 from 3844/2564-To call near, invite, invoke, beseech, call for, comfort, desire, entreat, pray.

VS.2-Let-s look at how Strong-s defines some of these words, and then we-ll go back and review this verse again.

Feed- S-4165/ Tend as a shepherd

Flock- S-4168/ Group of believers

Taking the oversight- S-1983/ from 1909, 4648/ to oversee, to beware

Constraint- S-315/Compulsorily-other words by force

Willingly- S-1596/ from 1595/ Voluntarily

For Filthy lucre- Def.: Random House, Monetary reward or Gain.

Review/ Expound

*Christian Media-selling material/ Paul made tents and most likely sold them or his services.

*We are talking about those who enter into the ministry with the sole reason of material gain.

VS. 3-There is no room for those who want to control through their own motives. This is not man-s ministry, but God-s!

Being Lord over- S-2634/ from 2596-2961/ To Lord against, that is, control, subjugate; exercise dominion over, be lord over, overcome.

Heritage- S-2819/ Inheritance, lot, especially a Patrimony.

VS. 4-Here is a reward for the Elders for being obedient and trustworthy with God-s word.

Chief Shepherd- S-750/ Head Shepherd-Jesus Christ

Shall appear- S-5319/ from 5318-To Render apparent, (lit. or fig.) appear, manifestly declare.

Ye shall receive-S-2865/ To tend, that is, take care of, properly to provide for, bring, receive.

VS. 5-Peter is addressing the flock. There is a spirit of authority or ranking in God-s kingdom.

We see this with Jesus to the Father and the Elders to Jesus. Here Peter takes it to another level of the flock to the Elders.

(Discuss God's gifting)

Ex.- wife submit to your husband/ Husband to Jesus

But what comes with this is a lot of responsibility from the Elders. For we will be judged harshly if, we fall off of the straight and narrow.

Ye younger-S-3501/ A primary word, including the comparative; -new-, that is, (of persons) youthful, or (of things) fresh; new, young.

*This does not refer to age, but spiritual maturity

Submit yourselves-S-5293/ from 5259/5021/ to subordinate, reflexively, to obey; be under obedience (obedient), put under, subdue unto, (be, make) subject self unto.

*Here is where people get hung up.

Unto the Elder-S-4245/ comparative of (Elderly): older, as noun, a senior, specifically an Israelite.

Subject-S-5293/ subordinate-Reflexively to obey

Be clothed with-S-1463/ middle voice from 1722 to engirdle oneself (for labor) that is, fig. (the apron being a badge of servitude) to wear.

Humility-S-5012/ from a compound of 5011 and the base of 5424-humiliation of mind, that is, modestly-humbleness of mind.

Proud-S-5244/ from 5228/5316-haughty/ proud

Humble-S-5011/ of uncertain derivation, depressed, that is, (fig) humiliated-base, cast down, humble, of low degree, lowly.

VS. 6-This verse gives us the -key- to what God does to us-What was Moses greatest characteristic- Humbleness.

Humble yourselves-S-5013/ from 5011/ to depress, humiliate, bring low, humble

He may Exalt-S-5312/ from 5311/ to elevate, exalt, lift up.

Due time-S-2540/ of uncertain affinity; an occasion, set or proper time.

VS. 7-This verse reinforces our Lord-s unconditional love for us. Unconditional love that not even Remnant believers can comprehend.

Casting-S-1977/ from 1909/4496/ to throw upon-cast upon

Expound

VS. 8-Here we see the consequences of being out of God-s will as an Elder. The wrong motives of an Elder can cause eternal consequences for the flock that are under their control.

Be sober-S-3525/ of uncertain affinity, to abstain from wine, (keep sober), (fig) keep discreet, be sober, watch.

Def: Random House: serious or solemn, free from excess, extravagance, restrained.

Vigilant- S-1127 from 1453/ to keep awake, that is, watch, be vigilant, wake, watch.

Adversary-S-476 from 473/1349/ an opponent (in a lawsuit). Specifically Satan—The great accuser-.

Walketh about-S-4043/ from 4012/3961/ to tread all around, walk at large, especially as proof of ability-go, be occupied with, walk.

Seeking-S-2212/ to seek, to worship or in a bad sense to plot (against life).

He may devour-S-2666/ from 2596/4095-to drink down, that is, gulp entire, (lit. or fig.) devour, drown, swallow (up).

VS.9-God show-s both the Elders and flock what to hold onto, because we know what is happening to our brothers in the world because they are outside of the truth. - Delusions.

Steadfast- S-4731/ from 2476-stiff, that is, solid, stable, (lit. or fig.) steadfast, strong, sure.

Knowing-S-1492/ A primary verb, from 3700/3708-Propriety to see.

Afflictions-S-3804/ form a presumed derivative from 3806-something undergone, that is, hardship or pain, subjectively an emotion or influence-affection, affliction, motion, suffering.

VS. 10- Here is the wilderness walk. To the contrary of what the religious leaders say. God uses the pains of the world to prepare us.

After ye have suffered-S-3958/ apparently a primary verb, to experience a sensation or impression (usually painful) feel, passion, suffer, vex.

A while-S-3641/ puny, almost, brief, few, a season, short, small, a while.

Perfect-S-2675/ form 2596/a derivative of 739/ to complete thoroughly, that is, repair, (lit. or fig.) repair, fit, frame, mend, make perfect, prepare, restore.

Establish-S-4741/ from a presumed derivative 2476/ to set fast, that is, (lit) to turn resolutely in a certain direction or to confirm.

Strengthen-S-4599/ bodily vigor; probably akin to the base of 2476-to strengthen, that is, (fig.) confirm, (in spiritual knowledge and power).

Settle-S-2311/ from 2310/ to lay a basis for, that is, (lit) erect, consolidate, lay the foundation, ground.

What we are going to see here in this verse is a description of the wilderness walk. This is the stage of purification and cleansing of the dross.

This is contrary to what the apostate leaders are teaching. Their message is one of prosperity, riches, getting all you can get out of this life.

Expound

VS. 11-Peter states God-s ruling for eternity.

Glory-S-1391/ honour, praise, worship

Dominion- S-2904/ Perhaps a primary word, vigor -great-, dominion, might, power, strengthen.

VS. 12-Here Peter is addressing Silas who may have been a bearer of the letter to its dominion. Some say he may have been a scribe.

To those Elders out there-are you carrying the message of the Lord today- Are you in His will as

you teach that bible study or lead a ministry- We have a great commission to feed His children with truth and without conditional control over them.

VS. 13-We see that the church Peter is addressing is in Babylon. For today, we Elders are addressing the flock in spiritual Babylon.

We also see another example of Peter exercising that Agape love when he regards Mark with such warmth and affection.

The agape love we should have for each other. Not being competitive, backbiting, gossiping like the world does towards each other.

VS. 14- Here Peter concludes his letter with Jesus- greatest commandment--Love one another-.

Conclude with Psalm 19