

## A Study of The Epistle of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter

### Theme: "A LIVING HOPE!"

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**Lesson: 38**

**Chapter 5:10-11**

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1 Peter 5:10

### BIBLE TEXT:

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### STUDY NOTES:

(10) And after you have suffered a little while, **the God of all grace**, who has called you to **his eternal glory in Christ**, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

**(Ps 18:32; Rom 8:28;16:25; 1 Cor 1:9; 2 Cor 4:17; Gal 1:3; Eph 1:2; 1 Th 2:12; 2 Th 2:17; 2 Tim 2:10; Heb 13:21)**

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**(Rom 11:36; Eph 1:20,21; 1 Tim 6:16; Jude 1:25; Rev 1:6)**

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*Resist him, firm in your faith.*

You must be sober and vigilant, but in order that the body may be ready. But this does not yet vanquish the devil. It is done only in order that you may give the body less reason to sin. The true sword is your strong and firm faith. If you take hold of **God's Word** in your heart and cling to it with faith, the devil cannot win but must flee. If you can say: "This is what **my God** has said, and I take my stand on it," you will see that the devil will soon go away. Then aversion, evil lust, anger, greed, melancholy, and doubt all go away. But the devil is crafty and is unwilling to let this happen to you. He tries to wrest the sword from your hand. If he makes you lazy, so that the body becomes unfit and is inclined to rascality, he soon tears the sword out of your hand. This is what he did to Eve. She had **God's Word**. If she had clung to it, she would not have fallen. But when the devil saw that she held **the Word** in such low esteem, he tore it from her heart, and she let it go. Thus the devil won.

Thus St. Peter has given us adequate instruction as to how we should fight against the devil. This does not require much running to and fro or any work you can do; it requires only that you cling to **the Word** through **faith**. **When the devil comes and wants to drive you into melancholy because of your sin, just take hold of the Word of God**, which promises forgiveness of sin, and rely on it. Then the devil will soon desist."

*Knowing that the same experience of suffering is required of your brotherhood throughout the world.*

That is, do not be surprised if you must be assailed by the devil; but take comfort in the fact that you are not alone, but that there are more. They, too, must suffer this way. And bear in mind that your brothers help you fight.

Now this is the epistle in which you have heard a genuine Christian doctrine adequately presented, how masterfully St. Peter has described faith, love, and the holy cross, and how he teaches and warns us how we should fight with the devil. Now he who understands this epistle undoubtedly has enough and needs no more, except that **God** does more than is required by teaching the same things richly in other books. But they contain nothing that is different, for here the apostle has forgotten nothing that a Christian must know.

In conclusion, he does what a good preacher should do, namely, that he should bear in mind that he must not only feed but must also take care of and pray for them. He closes with a prayer that **God** may give them grace and strength to take hold of the Word and retain it.

10. *And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, establish, and strengthen you.*

This is the wish with which he commends his listeners **to God—to God**, who alone gives grace, and not only a little grace but all grace piled up; who has called you through Christ to have eternal glory, not by reason of any merit on your part but through **Christ**. If you **have Him**, you have eternal glory and salvation, without any merit on your part. He will establish you, so that you become strong, grow, and stand firm, and are able to accomplish much. In addition, He will strengthen and support you, so that you are able to bear and suffer everything.

11. *To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

The praise is the sacrifice we Christians should bring to God.

### LIFE APPLICATION

After you have suffered a little while, **the God of all grace**, who has called you to **his eternal glory in Christ**, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

How does this reality give you strength to endure the difficulties of earthly life?

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