



Eat or Be Eaten

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TODAY'S READING: 1 Peter 5

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour (1 Peter 5:6-8).

Peter gives us three things to do in today's scripture. The first two are things we need to do so we do not fall prey to the third.

1. Humble yourselves under the hand of God. That is quite different than how the world tells us to act or react to the situations of life. Do not get trapped in the fact that we do not do anything on our own. God is in control of it all. We tend to forget that and take credit for the things we accomplish in life. There is a benefit. Peter goes on to say that if we do humble ourselves, *"That He (God) will lift us up in His timing."*
2. Cast all your anxiety on Him. This is difficult. If you are like me, you pray about the situations that occur in life, and then get up and try to take care of them. Part of casting out cares on Him is trusting that He knows what is going on and that he is taking care of it. Remember things happen in our lives for the perfection or sanctification of our souls. A young lady named Kelley Willard sang a song around the time I became a Christ follower: "I will cast all my cares upon you, I will lay all of my burdens down at your feet, and any time I don't know what else to do I will cast all my cares upon you." (Be glad I typed it instead of singing it). And why, because He care for us. Pretty clear and simple.
3. We humble ourselves and cast all our cares upon Him because of the third: So, we can be alert and sober minded. Satan wants to destroy you and your testimony before the world. He wants you to fight and live in your own strength. He is looking around, looking to devour you.

PRAYER: Father, thank You we can trust You to protect us from the unholy one that wants to destroy us. Help us humble ourselves and cast our cares on You.

TOMORROW'S READING: 2 Peter 1

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