

*Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. Be of sober spirit, be on the alert Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

1 PETER 5:1-11

## *Coming Under, Stepping Up, and Going Out*

I PETER 5:1-11

**Main Theme** Any person who comes under the mighty hand of God's authority will be exalted in due time, and step out in the authority of the Lion of Judah. The key is learning to come under, suffer well and partake of the glory of God, which prepares a person to shepherd others.

### **I. Coming Under, vs 1-6a**

- A. Learning to \_\_\_\_\_, v1, 9-10  
(Any horse will do, as well as understanding what God is going after); Romans 8:28, 29 – The Horse is I Peter 2:9, 10
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ of His [Tangible] Glory, v1; John 1:14-17; John 17:22, 23  
Grace Upon Grace, Truth, Oneness, and Love
- C. Learning to be a Shepherd-Leader (The Privilege to Serve), vs 2-4

Responsible oversight is from ...

- \_\_\_\_\_: Exercised voluntarily (get to) versus to gain significance (have to)

- \_\_\_\_\_: Servant leadership versus lording over
- \_\_\_\_\_: Eagerness to serve versus getting something from it (sordid gain)
- Being an \_\_\_\_\_ over time, but not being perfect.
- A Greater \_\_\_\_\_: The Good Shepherd's Crowning

#### D. Starting Young, vs 5, 6a

- Learn to \_\_\_\_\_ God-given authority. Romans 13:1-7  
"Rocking Jesus on His Heels" – One of 3 times Jesus Marveled; Mt. 8:10
- \_\_\_\_\_ with humility towards one another.
- **PRIDE BRINGS GOD'S OPPOSITION – HUMILITY BRINGS GOD'S GRACE**
- **THEREFORE...  
Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God THAT...**

## II. Stepping Up, vs 6b-7

- A. Exalted by God at the proper time
1. Step up or...
  2. Dip into false humility

- B. New places...
1. Create anxiety
  2. Usher in a new level of casting/caring

## III. Going Out, vs 8-11

- A. Being a Lion of Judah – \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Sober/Alert/Resist/Firm in Your Faith  
Having a Joshua/Caleb Mentality in Our Generation —  
Joshua 14:7-12
- B. Walking in the Cycles of Suffering
1. The Kingdom of God all over the world
  2. Suffering Well  
Perfects/Confirms/Strengthens/Establishes **You**

### Action Points

- Crown the Father of Lights as King over your life.
- Receive fully the tangible Glory He has offered; for the first time...
- Enter into 'Suffering Well,' so that you are in S.P.E.C.ted.
- When He lifts you up, establish His Kingdom and shepherd others.
- Let's have a Joshua/Caleb mentality in our generation.

### The Bottom Line

Willingly, let God have all of you, and passionately pursue all of God's fullness that He has to offer in His 3 persons.