

FIRST PETER

The Christian's Life in Exile —Part 28

5:8-11— “The Enemy of God’s People”—November 1, 2015

“Wrong will be right, when Aslan comes in sight. At the sound of his roar, sorrows will be no more. When he bares his teeth, winter meets its death. And when he shakes his mane, we shall have spring again.”
—C.S. Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*

The Christian’s Election and Exile—1 Pet. 1:1-2

The Christian’s Position in the People of God—1 Pet. 2:4-10

The Christian’s Living Hope—1 Pet. 1:3-11

The Christian’s Obligations in the People of God—1 Pet. 2:11-3:12

The Christian’s Life in Relation to God—1 Pet. 1:13-2:3

The Christian’s Sufferings—1 Pet. 3:13-3:22

The Christian’s Conduct—1 Pet. 4:1-11

The Christian’s Instructions for Suffering Well—1 Pet. 4:12-5:14

Our Defeated But Dangerous Enemy—1 Peter 5:8-11

⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 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. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Peter’s Exhortation: Be *sober-minded* and *watchful*!

⇒ Similar exhortations have already been given (1:13, 4:7)

“*watchful*”—[grēgoreō]—Carries the idea of being _____ or _____.

It indicates that the casting of one’s cares on God should not reduce our _____.

The Nature of the Danger:

“*adversary*”—[antidikos]—An opponent, specifically in a court of law.

“*the devil*”—[diabolos]—Used here to speak of Satan. The name carries the idea of *slander*, *accusation*, and *defamation*.

⇒ Satan “*prowls around like a roaring lion*” (Job 1:6-7, 2:1-2)

⇒ His purpose: “*seeking someone to devour*”

⇒ Contextually, his means of devouring Christians are _____ and _____.
(1:6, 2:12, 2:20-21, 3:9, 4:4, 4:14)

His Goals: 1.

2.

The Christian Response to Our Enemy:

“Resist him...”—To withstand or to be firm against an attack.

How? *“...firm in your faith...”*

⇒ Firm, also translated “steadfast” was a _____ term. The image is that of a Greek phalanx. (Eph. 6:10-17)

“...knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.”

⇒ Many times, Satan discourages us by making us feel _____ in our suffering.

Present Suffering and Future Glory:

It is _____: *“And after you have suffered a little while...”*

It is _____: *“...the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ...”*

God has called us to suffer, but more than that, He has called us to future glory in Christ.

⇒ He will *restore* us!

⇒ He will *confirm* us!

⇒ He will *strengthen* us!

⇒ He will *establish* us!

What is Peter doing in this passage?

Peter is exhorting Christians to endure the attacks of the enemy because his dominion is temporal but Christ’s dominion is _____!