



Lesson #18: Security in Shaky Times (1 Peter 5:10-11)

Although chapter 5 deals with some encouraging themes it also deals with some overwhelming themes.

- 5:5-6 – **The theme of _____ is addressed**
- 5:7 – **The theme of _____ is addressed**
- 5:8-9 – **The theme of _____ is addressed**

Here in verse 10-11 the Spirit of God seems to be developing **the theme of _____**. This is, after all, a letter that was written to Christians who were suffering under some degree of persecutoin and hostility of their faith. In this letter written to those Christians, Peter chooses to end on a positive note. For no matter how terrible the “*fiery trial*” may become, Christians can always have _____ on which to stand.

As we come to the end of this book verses 10 and 11 stand off the page to remind us that the Spirit of God wants us to _____ even when times are _____. God wants to give us some anchors that come down deeply and preserve us when times are problematic.

GOD'S _____ SHOULD CAUSE YOU TO STAND IN SHAKY TIMES (5:10a)

How wonderful it must have been for these persecuted Christians to read from Peter's hadn a letter which closed with some truth about who the God was that they now served.

- A. God is a god of _____**
Over and over Peter is going to review the _____ of God in the life of a believer (1:10, 13; 5:5, 12). The only times in the Bible you read this title (“*God of all grace*”) given to God is right here in 1 Peter 5:10. As the Spirit of God leads Peter to write to these believers facing affliction he wants them to know well and reflect carefully that the God that we serve is the God of _____ grace.
- B. God is a god of _____**
Everyone that God calls, He _____ in Christ – that is He declares righteous in His sight. And everything that He declares righteous in His sight, He finally glorifies in Christ. They become sharers together with the _____ of His beloved Son Jesus in _____ that He enjoys before the Father.

GOD'S _____ SHOULD CAUSE YOU TO STAND IN SHAKY TIMES (5:10b)

Three words in this text are given to highlight God's plan for us: (1) _____, (2) _____, and (3) _____. These three words summarize the plan of God for His people. All 3 demonstrate clearly that God cares for you.

- A. God cares enough to _____ you**
“*After that you have _____ a while.*” Those words are a little hard to swallow aren't they? Trust in God who really cares for our needs has fallen on hard times in Christian circles. But when you feel like no one is there for you in your trial; God always is. He cares for you and He asks you to cast your cares on Him.
- B. God cares enough to _____ you**
By their very nature, sufferings cannot last forever. Note the contrast that is painting between suffering and glory:
... Suffering is for “ _____ ”
... Glory is “ _____ ”
Is not glory worthy the suffering? God's trials are not meaningless. They are there for a purpose. Tirals are there to burn away the dross and refine the gold.

GOD'S _____ SHOULD CAUSE YOU TO STAND IN SHAKY TIMES (5:11)

Why does God do all this to make us stand faithful in the end? He does so because his saints are also called to testify of their God.

- A. God is _____ in your trial**
No wonder our victory is sure! There is no situation that I can get into that God cannot get me _____. God's Word gives us the direction we need to finish our course. Trust Him then! “*Trust Him when the dark doubts assail you. Trust him when your strength is small. Trust Him when to simply trust Him seems the hardest thing of all.*”
- B. God is _____ in your trial**
Again we remind ourselves of this little word “ _____ ” that plays a very important role in 1 Peter (1:15; 2:9). That word refers to the beginning of our Christian experience. It lets us know that it was God who brought us to salvation. And if God has brought us to salvation than it will God who keeps us through our _____. God is not done with you.

Concluding Thoughts

The only way to build anything that will stand is fierce weather is to have a depth and quality about us. Peter writes this passage to tell us that we do have the _____ offered to us by God that we may be able to dig deep and have foundations that will cause us to stand in shaky times. May the example of Peter's confidence give you _____ in times of trial.