

Let us begin with the seventh lecture on 1 and 2 Peter. / Today's text is 1 Peter chapter 5. / The title of this chapter is, "Glory." / Let's look at the main points. / First, the example of elders. / Verses 1-4. / Second, obedience to elders. / Verses 5-6.

/Third, cast aside all your worries. / Verse 7. / Fourth, defeat Satan. / Verses 8-9. / Fifth, the law of suffering. / Verses 10-11. / Sixth, final greetings and blessing. / Verses 12-14.

/Please read verse 1. / To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed:

/Here it speaks of "elders." / The elders of the early church were like apostles, directors, and pastors. / They belonged to administrative positions in the church. / Peter says, "as a fellow elder," / and "a witness of Christ's sufferings."

/When elders faithfully carry out their responsibilities and suffer, / they will participate in the glory when the Lord returns. / Elders must be good examples in all aspects. / Then believers will follow their example.

/This is why the apostle Paul told them to follow his example. / We must be a good example to believers. / Elders must first be good examples. / First, elders must be conscious of their calling.

/God called all those with positions in the church and not just the elders. / God made us witnesses of Christ. / We will participate in glory. / We must be conscious of our calling.

/God called us and made us witnesses. / We must be aware that we will participate in glory. / Second is / the determination to suffer. / 2 Timothy 2:3.

/It says in verse 1, "a witness of Christ's sufferings." / Therefore, elders can be good examples to their members if they are prepared to suffer. / Why must they be prepared to suffer? / Because they are witnesses of the message of the cross. / 1 Corinthians 1:18.

/Because that is the way of taking up the cross. / Matthew 16:24, 25. / Why else must they be determined to suffer? / Because participation in suffering helps the church grow. / Colossians 1:24. / Paul says that he fills up in his flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions.

/The church will grow only as much as we suffered for the church. / When we testify to the message of the cross, / take up the cross and follow Jesus, / and participate in sufferings, / we will participate in glory when Christ returns.

/Verse 2. / Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers-- not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve;

/It says here to watch over God's flock. / The flock refers to believers. / Shepherds refer to preachers. / Verse 4 speaks of the Chief Shepherd. / Jesus Christ is the chief shepherd. / The flock here does not refer to the flock of pastors, / but the flock of God.

/We must clearly understand that “believers are God’s flock.” / Because they are God’s flock, pastors must not lead them by their will, but by God’s will. / They must lead the flock to be the Lord’s flock, not theirs.

/Third, willingness.

/Verse 3. / not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

/Verse 2 says, / “but because you are willing.” / When we do God’s work, we must not be forced to do it, / but must volunteer by chasing after God’s will. / There will be good results when we volunteer to do something.

/Then what does it mean to willingly volunteer? / It means to work with thankfulness. / God will pour out his grace and use us when we obey, / volunteer, / and serve with thanksgiving.

/When we serve the church and lead believers, we must not be forced to do it, but must voluntarily serve.

/Fourth, / eagerness. / Verse 2 says, “not greedy for money, but eager to serve.” / In order for us not to pursue dishonest gain, we must learn to be content.

/In Philippians 4:11, / the apostle Paul said that he learned to be content. / Whether we have much or don’t, we must learn to be content. / When we reject God’s will and fail to serve, / but chase after greed, our gain will be “dishonest” gain.

/We must not pursue materials, fame, or power, / but must fulfill God’s will. / When we do so, God will provide us with all the things we need.

/If we need materials, God will give us materials, / and if we need people, God will send people. / God is the one who makes the church grow.

/Fifth is, / being examples. / Being examples.

/Verse 3. / not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

/It says, “not lording it over those entrusted to you, / but being examples to the flock.” / We believers must be examples. / We can be examples when we do God’s work as servants of God.

/Also, we must always be eager to set examples. / The flock follows its shepherd. / The shepherd must also take the lead in being the example. / How much we be examples? / We must be examples in serving God.

/We must be examples in loving God, / fearing God, / and worshipping God. / We must also be examples in the church. / We must be examples in the church. / We must faithfully attend worship service.

/We must be examples in worship, / in prayer, / in offering, / and in every aspect of church life. / We must also be examples in our homes.

/We must be examples in serving in the church. / Because elders were called to be “a witness of Christ’s suffering,” / they must be examples in taking up the cross / and in humility.

/John 10:11, 12 speak about the hired hand and the good shepherd.

/The hired hand gives orders, shouts from behind, and rebukes the sheep. / What does the good shepherd do? / The good shepherd does not stand from behind and give orders.

/He does not walk alongside the sheep. / What does it mean to walk alongside sheep? / It means that he works when believers work, and stops working when believers stop working.

/However, the good shepherd takes the lead and sets an example. / There will be the crown of glory / when we set examples.

/Verse 4. / And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

/Here it speaks of the Chief Shepherd. / The Chief Shepherd is Jesus. / When Jesus returns to this earth, / He will crown us with the crown of glory that will never fade away. / This crown does not wither or rot, / but remains for eternity.

/Next is obedience to the elders.

/Verse 5. / Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

/The verse says, “Young men.” / The “young men” refer to believers, / and also to subordinates. / Believers must obey elders. / First, / believers must submit to elders.

/It says, “be submissive to those who are older.” / When we submit, / we should submit out of obligation, / submit in faith, / and submit dutifully. / We must be obedient.

/Why must we be obedient? We must be obedient because believers learn to grow in faith through obedience. / Hebrews 5:8 / says that our Jesus learned / obedience through suffering. / It is important that we obey God, / obey our seniors, / and systems.

/Second, / believers must serve one another. / We will grow in faith when we serve, / and the Lord’s church will grow as well. / Matthew 20:26 says /that our Lord came to this earth / to serve.

/Because Jesus was humble, He served His disciples. / The disciples quarreled and fought with one another because they wanted to be served. / Third, / believers must be humble.

/Verse 6. / Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

/It says, “Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand.” / In verse 5, it says, “clothe yourselves with humility.” / To clothe ourselves with humility means that we must guard ourselves.

/We must guard ourselves in humility / and not be proud. / We must not let pride, / abuse of freedom, / debauchery, / bad traits, / and self-will rule over us. / If believers submit themselves and serve one another/ in humility, / we will have great rewards in heaven.

/Verse 5 says, / God “gives grace to the humble.” / When believers remain humble and obedient / to elders, / systems, / and seniors, / God will show us grace and / lift us up.

/In verse 6, it says, “that he may lift you up in due time.” / Therefore, the greatest in heaven are those who serve. / It also says, “under God’s mighty hand.”

/“Under God’s mighty hand” / refers to faith in God’s sovereignty. / It is faith that God will destroy the proud /and lift up /the humble / with his mighty hand.

/Next in verse 7, it says, “Cast all your anxiety on him.”

/Please read verse 7. / Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

/“Cast all your anxiety on him.” / It says that Jesus cares for us. / First, the reason why we become anxious. / God told us not to be anxious. / Yet, why do we still worry?

/The first reason is that we do not trust in the sovereignty of God. / Those who trust in God’s sovereignty do not worry. / Yet, we become anxious because we do not trust in God’s sovereignty.

/Also, we do not cast our anxiety on God. / God told us to cast all our anxiety on him. / We become anxious because we do not leave everything in God’s hands. / Anxiety can be seen as unbelief. / The second reason why we become anxious.

/Why did God tell us not to worry? / It is because worrying is not God’s will. / Anxiety is not a part of God’s will. / Also, our problems are not solved because we worry.

/Our problems are not solved when we worry, / and God has to solve the problem in order for it to be solved. / When we worry, we fall to the works of the devil.

/When we worry, we fall to the temptations of the devil. / When we worry, we cannot keep our faith. / We cannot keep our faith when we worry about worldly things, / worry about materials, / among other things.

/What are the results of our anxiety? / Third, the results of anxiety. / Our hearts and bodies will grow weak. / God told us not to worry, / but when we continue to worry, / our bodies and hearts will grow weak.

/Our souls will grow ill. / We will leave God / and lose our faith. / This is why the devil makes us worry.

/Another important thing is that / when the anxious are informed of ways to solve their problem, they cannot understand. / There are solutions / to all problems. / However, when we continue to be anxious, / we will not understand how to solve the problem even when we are

informed of how we could solve the problem.

/Then ultimately, one will become a slave to anxiety. / Anxiety is the same as strangling. / One meaning of the word, “worry,” / is, “to strangle.”

/Just as a person can be strangled to death, / he will fall into an abyss of anxiety, / fail to swim out of it, / and will die there / if he constantly worries. / Fourth, the way to cast away anxiety.

/True anxiety destroys our bodies, minds, and faith. / We must be free from anxiety. / What must we do to be free from anxiety? / First, we must believe God’s word when he tells us not to be anxious.

/In John 14:1, / Jesus tells His disciples not to let their hearts be troubled. / We must believe this and not be anxious. / We must cast all our anxiety on God.

/When we obey God’s word and are not anxious, / when we cast all our anxieties on the Lord, / God will resolve everything. / When we cast our personal problems, / family problems, / church problems, / and problems of faith / on the Lord, / God will solve all our problems.

/Now we must defeat the devil. / Verses 8-9.

/Verse 8. / Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

/We must keep our faith. / Elders keep their faith when they set good examples before believers. / Believers keep their faith when they obey elders. / We keep our faith when we are not anxious even if problems arise.

/In order for us to do so, we must defeat the devil. / We won’t be able to keep our faith if we do not defeat the devil. / How can we defeat Satan? / First, we must be self-controlled and alert. / In today’s passage it says, “Be self-controlled and alert.”

/To be “self-controlled” means to control oneself / and live by the spirit. / When we control ourselves, are careful in our ways, / and alert, we can defeat the devil. / Second, we must stand firm in the faith.

/Verse 9. / Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

/It says, “Standing firm in the faith.” / What does it mean to stand firm in the faith? / It means to firmly hold onto God’s word. / It also means to completely rely on God. / We can defeat the devil when we stand firm in the faith.

/Third, we must resist the devil. / We must not avoid or tolerate the devil. / We cannot avoid the devil even if we try, / and we cannot tolerate the devil if we try.

/One compromise in our faith will lead to continuous compromises. / Also, we must resist the devil to the point of shedding blood. / Hebrews 12:4. / We must fight against sin to the point

of shedding blood.

/When we resist the devil / to the point of shedding blood. / We must also continue to obey God's word. / Our Jesus resisted the devil and triumphed. / How did Jesus triumph? / Jesus triumphed with God's word.

/Jesus overcame temptations with God's word. / I pray that all of you will resist the devil and be victorious by continuing to obey God's word. / Fourth, we must be determined to suffer.

/In verse 9, / it says, "you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings." / The devil always tells us to stay away from the cross. / The devil once used Peter to make Jesus fall.

/When Jesus was about to take up the cross, Peter told Jesus not to. / This was a great test for Jesus, / and yet, Jesus immediately resisted and defeated the devil.

/We must recognize the devil's temptations when he tries to make us stay away from the cross. / We must also be courageous and know that our brothers in faith are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

/If we are prepared to suffer / and courageously go forward, / we will be victorious in all temptations of the devil. / Verses 10-12 are about the law of suffering.

/Verse 10. / And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

/God said he loves his believers. / God said that he always gives us good things, / and yet, why does he allow suffering? / First, God gives sufferings / by his grace.

/In verse 10, / the God of all grace sent his one and only Son to save believers, / and allowed believers to suffer by grace. / We too must rely on God in our sufferings, and then God will restore us.

/The sufferings of believers is temporary. / The middle part of verse 10 says / we will suffer a little while. / We will not suffer continuously. / We will not suffer forever.

/Our suffering is temporary. / The glory and blessings that come after the suffering will be eternal. / 2 Corinthians 4:17. / Second, why do believers receive suffering? / Believers receive suffering so that they would be restored.

/In verse 10, it says, / "restore you." / Ephesians 4:15 says, / Jesus is complete, / and we will grow up into him. / Why do believers receive suffering? / It is so that we would be made "strong."

/"Make you strong" means that God will make us hold us and keep us from being shaken. / What is held from being shaken will not break easily, and it will last a long time. / However, things that are shaken are easily broken and does not last long.

/Doors are easily broken because they can be shaken. / However, walls are not easily broken

because they stand firm. / Our faith is also made firm / through suffering.

/If we keep our faith in the midst of suffering, / we can be like a firm wall, / and we can press on strongly. / God gives us sufferings so that we will not be shaken. / It says, “make you strong.” / God will give us power.

/It says, “firm and steadfast.” / True sufferings are a great benefit and blessing to us. / Third, the believer’s attitude when receiving suffering. / What attitudes must believers have when they receive sufferings? / We must believe that God will make our sufferings beneficial to us.

/We must not be disheartened when we receive sufferings. / We must have positive attitudes. / Instead of looking only at present sufferings, / we must look at the blessings that come after sufferings, / and keep our faith. / Verses 12-14 are greetings and blessings.

/Verse 11. / To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

/God’s glory and power will be in God forever.

/Verses 12-14 are greetings and blessings, / and it says that Peter wrote the letter “with the help of Silas.” / Here it speaks of a man named “Silas.” / Acts 17:10. / 18:5. / 2 Corinthians 1:19. / Who was Silas? / He was a faithful servant.

/It says that Silas was a faithful brother. / Silas worked with Paul for the gospel. / In the passage, it says that Silas helped Peter write the letter.

/Because Silas was faithful, / he was used by both Paul / and Peter.

/Verse 13. / She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark.

/Here it speaks of Mark, and Mark sincerely repented. / After his sincere repentance, he became a useful person to Paul. / 2 Timothy 4:11. / In the verse here, it also says that that Mark helped Peter like a son.

/Verse 14. / Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

/“Greet one another with a kiss of love.” / At the time, greeting one another with a kiss was the friendliest way to greet someone. / We believers must cordially greet one another and love one another.

/With this we will conclude the seventh lecture on 1 Peter. / Thank you.