

SHEPHERDS AND SUFFERING

1 Peter 5.1-11 (p. 1891)

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

1 Peter 5:6

The last word on suffering

And the God of all grace . . . after you have suffered for a little while will himself restore you

1 Peter 5:10-12

Old men and young men

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care

Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older.

1 Peter 5:1-5

A "season" for humility

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

"God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's might hand

1 Peter 5:5b (quoting from Proverbs 3:34)

Spiritual warfare

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith

1 Peter 5:8-9

1) Resist like JESUS → Matthew 4

Satan's questions: 1) Is God's word enough? → Deuteronomy 8:3

2) Don't I want some of the glory? → Deuteronomy 6:16

3) Who is ultimately in control? → Deuteronomy 6:13

2) God uses SUFFERING to build this kind of faith → Luke 22:31

For further study of 1 Peter 5

Bob Deffenbaugh's sermons on 1 Peter at <https://bible.org/series/glory-suffering-studies-1-peter>. His sermon on this text is at <https://bible.org/seriespage/suffering-satan-and-standing-firm-1-peter-58-14>

Immanuel Christian's "How Shall We Live" at <https://bible.org/seriespage/52-1-peter-how-shall-we-then-live-pagan-culture>

Gordon Smith's lecture at <https://www.regentaudio.com/products/catechesis-for-a-secular-age-the-wisdom-of-1-peter>

Alexander Maclaren's introduction to 1 Peter at <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mac/1-peter-1.html> and notes at <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mac/1-peter-1.html>

Bob Utely's commentary at <http://www.freebiblecommentary.org/pdf/VOL02.pdf>

Kistemaker and Hendriksen's *Exposition of the Epistles of Peter and the Epistle of Jude*. Baker's New Testament Commentary.

John Piper's sermons on First Peter 4 at <https://www.desiringgod.org/scripture/1-peter/4/messages>