

Pain of The Gospel

The Gospel of The Kingdom - Week 13 (6-1-22)

1 Peter 5:6-9

I. Humble Yourself

A. Humble doesn't mean de-valued, it means understanding your position and your source.

B. Phil. 2:5-11

1. Jesus possessed the very nature of God and had all authority, but was willing to lay it all down and become obedient even to death.
 - a) He had the option to take back that position all throughout his life on earth, but never did.
2. He still operated in boldness and confidence as a man knowing that the power didn't come from his carnal being but from the anointing of the Holy Spirit.
 - a) When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness satan tried to get Jesus to take back his power/authority as a man instead of waiting for the Father to place that on Him as a result of Jesus' submission and obedience.
 - b) In order for us to receive anything from God, we must first humble ourselves and recognize our need for Him.
3. Phil. 2:13 - we need to realize that on our own we can never please God or fulfill His will for us.
 - a) It's God who works in us to accomplish these things.

C. When the enemy attacks he is trying to get our focus off of God onto anything else. We either put our trust in something else, loose hope all together, or we choose to stay focused on our one true source despite what the enemy throws at us.

1. 1 Peter 5:7 - We are humbling ourselves by casting our cares on Him.
 - a) It's not that God wants us to be totally dependent on Him because He's some kind of power kick.
 - b) He designed us to need Him, and nothing else is the only true source of life.
 - c) He is, after all, Jehovah Jireh - The God who Provides

D. Careth = Melei - See

1. He sees us and wants to supply all of our needs, but we must humble ourselves first and submit to Him before we can ever receive from Him.

II. Be Sober/Vigilant

A. Vigilant = awake (in the night), watchful, on the alert

B. The other times that scripture tells us to be sober and vigilant is when Jesus is telling the disciples to be ready for His second coming. (Luke 21:34-36)

1. You know it's coming, but you don't know when.
 - a) The same is true of the attacks of the enemy.

C. Devour = Katapino - devour, drank, drowned, overwhelmed, swallow

1. We need to be overwhelmed by the presence of God, not the distractions of the enemy!

D. Eph. 5:11-18

1. An enemy exposed is an enemy defeated!
 - a) Satan can do nothing but lie or twist the truth. All we have to do to de-throne him is shine the light(truth) on what he is trying to say.
 - b) In order to reprove darkness you must already possess a light!
 - (1) You need to already know the truth or you WILL be deceived.
 - (2) so “Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.” vs 14
 - (a) Light to shine on yourself, and light to shine on the enemy

III. Resist

A. Be able to recognize the enemy!

1. Vs 17 - “...be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.”
2. You need to know what is of God and what is from the enemy.

B. Run to the roar!

1. Proverbs 28:1 - “The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.”
 - a) We should be roaring back as the righteous people of God.
 - b) James 4:7 - “Submit yourselves therefore to God: resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”
2. The best defense is a good offense! - Rev. 21:8
 - a) The fearful and unbelieving are the first to loose the ultimate “war”
 - b) The officers at the Uvalde School shooting should have ran to the “Roar” instead of waiting.