

“The God Who Cares For You”

The Assuring Words Of An Elder In Christ’s Church

1 Peter 5:4-7 (1016)

The message of 1 Peter 5:7 is a word of comfort that must at times be urgently carried to those weighted down by anxieties: “Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you” is an easy verse to say but a hard one to practice amid the sighs and frustrations and anxieties of life. In the year 62 or 63 A.D. the Apostle Peter (invoking the title “elder,” in 5:1) wrote inspired words of reminder and encouragement to those sinking under anxieties. He also exhorted “fellow elders” – and all of us – to give heed to those among us weighted down. Receive the comfort of the God who cares for you, and place upon him the God-sized cares that weigh you down.

I. The _____ who _____

1. “The mighty _____ of God” points to God’s _____ power (Ex. 3:19;32:11).
2. The _____ (v 4) is opposed to all pride and arrogance.
3. God’s awesome _____ – marvelous strength and _____.

II. The _____ of those with cares

1. “_____” modifies “_____ yourselves.” Worry is a form of _____.
2. Let us not seek to carry _____ - _____ burdens, but lay them upon our Savior.
3. We can _____ God because God _____ for all true believers.

III. The _____ of cares on the _____ God

1. Ponder carefully: are you a good _____ of cares?
2. “ We can cast our desires, sighs anxieties, fears, hopes, and joys into the _____ of God.” In pray we “put our worries _____ by _____ on God” (*Taking Hold Of God*, 29).
3. By the Spirit take the _____ of your heart and labor to cast your _____.
4. Give thanks to God for his _____ in sending Christ to rescue us from the weight of our _____. Rest in the everlasting _____ (Deu. 33:27)!