

# The Victory Of Humility

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<b>OBJECTIVE:</b>	In this message, Dr. Hunt reminds us through a biblical portrait of Peter, how ever faithful our God is to our needs. If we cast our cares on Him, we may find peace and comfort in knowing that ALL things of this world will work together for good, if we will only Trust in Him. What an important message for our world today.

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## Introduction

The Apostle Peter, humbled and restored, now urges believers to "cast their cares on Christ." There was a time that his exertion of pride had cast him down, but now in humility, the Lord had lifted him up. As I read this text a major question comes to mind, "Was there ever a morning that the crowing of the rooster did not remind Peter of his pride and his need for humility?" God has a way of working in our lives for our good and His glory. Only the writer Luke records Peter's memorable events with preciseness. After Peter's denial of knowing Christ, Luke 22:61 says, "The Lord turned and looked at Peter." The verb suggests an intent, fixed look. "Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord." The word he remembered states a major biblical truth. "The Lord Jesus knows us and our needs better than we do; and might I add our weaknesses. "These verses contain what I choose to call the principles necessary for Victorious Christian Living. Verses 5-7 magnify submitting, humbling, and trusting.

## I. The Exhortation From Peter The Servant 6

## A. Principle

"Therefore" - the Almighty, as it were, declares war on the proud. "Proud" - elevate themselves. In Dr. Joseph Parker's famous lecture on clocks and watches, he tells the following story: "A little watch so delicately strung, dissatisfied with its little sphere in the lady's pocket, envied Big Ben, the great tower clock, as one day it passed with her ladyship over the Westminster Bridge. "I wish I could be up there," said the little watch. I could then serve the multitude. "You shall have your opportunity, little watch," said the lecturer, and he dramatically described the little watch drawn up the tower by a slender thread. When it reached the top, the lecturer said, "Where are you, little watch? I cannot see you." Then pausing in his dramatic style, Parker said, "Its elevation has become its annihilation."

## B. Practice

"humble yourselves" - deliberate self-subjection; humility (meekness) is not weakness but moral strength. Moses was known as a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth (Num. 12:3) yet served as the greatest leader and lawgiver Israel ever had. One who really sees God for who He is, and who sees himself in light of that understanding, has no difficulty in humbling himself. Why? Because he begins to see the Christian's supreme purpose as that of glorifying God. What does Peter mean by "humble yourselves"? He wants his readers to subject themselves to God in such a manner that they put their confidence in God alone. Jesus teaches that when a person humbles himself like a little child he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. (Matt. 18:1-5)

## C. Power

"under the mighty hand of God" In Exodus 13:9, "for with a strong hand the Lord has brought you out of Egypt. "This pictures the mighty power of God exerted. Our supreme weakness is our vulnerability to the pride of living independently of God. Remember, Peter was writing and calling for humility in situations of hostility, betrayal, and persecution. Christians can trust the power of God. Passage conveys the thought of God's power exercised in reference to His people, whether for deliverance or for discipline.

Examples: Ask Joshua about the walls around Jericho. Ask Jonah about the great fish. Ask Daniel about the lion's den. Ask Samson about the Philistines. In our own lives I believe God's mighty hand is on the destiny of His people (Romans 8:28-30). The goal of God's purpose for His own is that they would be like Jesus Christ. With this in mind, to humble you under God's mighty hand, may mean:

### 1. Hand May Lead Through Times Of Testing

Perseverance

Example: Joseph - God's hand won over man's plan.

### 2. Hand May Teach Us

Patience

### 3. Hand Will Lift You Up In His Timing

Providence

## D. Promise

"that He may exalt you" - Prov. 15:33, "Before honor is humility. "Philippians 2:5-11, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every

tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Your exaltation may be in terms of increased spiritual blessings and deeper fellowship with Himself, or maybe in terms of responsibility, reward, or honor which will be seen by others as well.

## E. Providence

"in due time" - at the right time; indicates that the time in view is distinctively God's choice of time.

## II. The Resolution From Peter The Servant, 7

Verses 5 & 6 must be a reality for v.7 to be your promise.

### A. Cares

"your care" - anxious interest or deep concerns; anxiety. Thayer translates to be drawn in different directions. Anxiety has a debilitating affect on our lives and results in our loss of confidence and assurance.

#### 1. Cares Can Disrupt The Believer's Mind

#### 2. Cares Can Decrease The Believer's Devotion

Attitude: Why pray when you can worry! No break between v.6-7 "humble yourself by casting your cares." Again, cares or anxiety is the idea of tearing or dividing the heart. Someone depicted this human care as a little terrier pulling a rag doll to pieces. "all" - come to the place where we resolve to cast the whole of our future worries on Him. Memories of the Past Pressures of the Present Fears concerning the Future.

### B. Casting

The art of exerting effort to fling something away from ourselves. It describes a deliberate act. Means "having deposited with." When there is no humility we exalt ourselves against God in that we are depending upon self and failing to trust God.

Example: Single Mom "But who then will care for me?" The answer is that God Himself will care for our needs. Therefore casting all your anxieties on Him is the path to humility, freeing a person from constant concern for himself and enabling him or her truly to be concerned for the needs of others.

### C. Carer

"for He cares for you" - for it is a care to Him concerning you. The God of the mighty hand cares what happens to you. GREAT THOUGHT: He is more concerned about our welfare than we could possibly be.

"No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus"

"I would love to tell you what I think of Jesus.

Since I found in Him a friend so strong and true;

I would tell you how He chang'd my life completely-He did something that no other friend could do.

All my life was full of sin when Jesus found me,

All my heart was full of misery and woe; Jesus placed His strong and loving arms around me,

And He led me in the way I ought to go.

Ev'ry day He comes to me with new assurance,

More and more I understand His words of love;

But I'll never know just why He came to save me,

Till some day I see His blessed face above."

"No one ever cared for me like Jesus,

There's no other friend so kind as He;

No one else could take the sin and darkness from me -O how much He care for me!"

"Matthew 6:25, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? "Note: Matt. 6:31, 34 Peter 5:7 describes the activity of a faithful Shepherd. You are His concern. Greek philosophy at its highest could formulate a doctrine of His perfect goodness, but could not even imagine in Him an active concern for mankind. Yet, Peter said, "He cares for you.

"Conclusion: If anybody knows from experience that God cares for His own, it was Peter. Jesus healed his Mother-in-law Jesus gave him a great catch of fish. Jesus helped him walk on water. Jesus delivered him from prison.