

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for March 9-10, 1996

"Fundamental Attitudes For Spiritual Maturity."

I Peter 5:5-14

An attitude of submission (I Peter 5:5)

An attitude of humility (I Peter 5:5,6)

Toward others (I Peter 5:5)

Toward God (I Peter 5:6)

"under the mighty hand of God" - O.T. symbol of God's sovereign power (Exodus 3:19,20; Job 30:20,21; Ezekiel 20:33).

An attitude of trust (I Peter 5:7)

We are to cast our anxiety upon the Lord through prayer (Phil. 4:6)

We will only be set free from our anxiety if our prayers are made with thanksgiving or in other words if our prayers are made knowing that God in fact cares for us.

An attitude of vigilance (I Peter 5:8)

Satan targets people who proclaim the name of God and seeks to be faithful to Him. And his aim is to destroy their faith. (Job 1)

The most thorough historical overview of spiritual warfare is found in Revelation 12.

Why would God permit Satan to attack us?

To prove us

To ourselves (I Peter 1:6,7)

To others (Job 1:6-12, 2:1-6)

To perfect us

In respect to character (James 1:2-4)

In respect to ministry (John 15:1,2; Luke 22:31-34)

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To protect us (II Corinthians 12:7-8)

What must we do when we are attached by Satan? (I Peter 5:9)

We must face him firm in our faith

How do we resist Satan in this way? It is by knowing the truth, believing the truth, standing in the truth, and obeying the truth.

An attitude of hope (I Peter 5:10)

An attitude of worship (I Peter 5:11)

An attitude of faithfulness (I Peter 5:12)

An attitude of affection (I Peter 5:13)