

A WARNING TO GOD'S PEOPLE
I PETER 5:8-11

Introduction:

- A. Human beings are very strange creatures.
 - 1. We always think there is lots of time.
 - 2. We refuse to heed valid warnings.
 - 3. Maybe we think people are telling us what to do.

- B. The strangest of all, we resent warnings from God or God's man.
 - 1. Some will probably resent some of the things I say today.
 - 2. Never-the-less, they shall be said.

- C. Peter does not want to close this letter without sounding a clear warning.
 - 1. These people are in serious danger.
 - 2. "a roaring lion walketh about seeking..."

I. AN ADMONITION TO WATCH V1

- A. "be sober"
 - 1. abstaining from wine, hence capable of thought.
 - 2. be sober = is a constant admonition.
 - 3. A drugged mind is the devil's mind.

- B. "be vigilant"
 - 1. Watchful, be alert.
 - 2. Jesus said, "watch and pray."

II. WHY SHOULD THEY WATCH?

- A. "because your adversary the devil."
 - 1. adversary = an opponent in a lawsuit.
 - 2. Any enemy or accuser.
 - 3. The devil is called "The Accuser."

- B. "as a roaring lion, walketh about."
 - 1. roar = to howl as a beast of prey, hungry.
 - 2. roaring as an enraged beast, angry.

- c. "seeking whom he may devour"
 - 1. devour = to drink down, to swallow up.
 - 2. The devil is anxious to destroy.
 - 3. He never wounds.

- D. Some do not need this admonition.
 - 1. The devil already has you, you are his.
 - 2. Have never been Born Again.
 - 3. Have walked away from your calling and no longer serve Him.

III. AN HONEST EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO RESIST
THE TEMPTATIONS OF SATAN. V9

- A. "whom resist steadfast in the faith."
 - 1. resist = to set one's self in battle array. Eph 6
 - 2. "be strong in the faith."

- B. "Knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."
 - 1. "for you know that your brother Christians are going through the same kind of suffering in the world."

IV. WHAT GOD CAN DO FOR US. V10

- A. Who He is. "the God of all grace."
 - 1. "God, the giver of all grace."

- B. What He has called us to.
 - 1. "who hath called us unto eternal glory."

- C. How has He called us?
 - 1. "by Christ Jesus."

V. WE MUST REALIZE THAT ALL OF THIS IS TEMPORARY.

- A. "after that ye have suffered for awhile."
 - 1. The promises of God are sure and usually future.
 - 2. We must learn to be patient.

- B. "make you perfect."
 - 1. perfect = to make fully ready, put in full order, prepare fully, perfectly equip.

- C. "stablish"
 - 1. to set fast, fix firmly, make steadfast.

- D. "strengthen"
 - 1. Of bodily health and strength.

- E. "settle you"
 - 1. To lay the foundation, to become established.

VI. HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE. V11

- A. "His is the power for ever and ever."
 - 1. Some day He will take His rightful place.

- B. Is Jesus King in your life?

