

Lesson 7

1 PETER: HOPE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

"Live as God's Flock" (5:1-14)

Introduction: Why does the Bible often use the imagery of the shepherd and his flock?

(Psalm 23; 28:9; 80:1; Isaiah 40:11; Jeremiah 31:10; Ezekiel 34; Matthew 9:36; John 10; Hebrews 13:20; 1 Peter 5:4; Revelation 7:17)

THE ELDERS OF THE FLOCK (5:1-5a)

5:2 What is the chief function of elders?

5:2,3 Spiritual leaders need to look out for especially these 3 sins:

What leadership qualities does Peter encourage?

5:5a "Young men" should translated, "Young ones" or "Young people."

5:1 Who are the elders of the congregation?

HUMILITY IN THE FLOCK (5:5b-7)

5:5b,6 Why be humble?

a) _____

b) _____

5:7 In what way do cares and concerns sometimes stand in the way of true humility?

Why is humility such an important Christian virtue in a congregation?

WATCHFULNESS IN THE FLOCK (5:8-11)

5:8 How is the devil like a lion?

Picture a mountain lion circling a flock of sheep. What's he looking for? Why?

What's his goal?

How had the Asia Minor Christians experienced Satan's roar?

In what ways do we hear his roar?

Who is more susceptible to Satan's attacks?

5:8,9 What's Peter's advice regarding this foe?

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

Why does Peter add this bit of information about suffering at the end of vs9?

5:10 What comfort and encouragement does Peter hold out to his readers?

FINAL GREETINGS (5:12-14)

5:12-13 Silas =

She =

Mark =

References to Mark in NT -- Acts 12:12-17,25; 13:13; 16:36-39; Col 4:10; Phm 24; 2 Tim 4:11.

5:14 What's the significance of this closing sentence?