

SERMON OUTLINE/NOTES

"Vigilance & Confidence in Suffering"

1 Peter 5:8-11 (1 Thessalonians 5:1-22; 1 Peter 5:8-14)

Introduction

- Submitting to one another in all humility doesn't mean blind obedience
- Obedience is owed to God first and above all else, including our affections and desires

Be Sober and Vigilant in Suffering (vs. 8-9)

1. Be Alert for any signs our adversary has influenced our affections and desires (v. 8; Matthew 4:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:8; Matthew 24:22)
 - Urgent in times of suffering, especially for the elder/shepherd (Hebrews 13:17)
 - Differences must be resolved by mutual submission through love, according to God's word (Romans 14:14-23; Galatians 5:13-15; Ephesians 4:30-32; Matthew 18:15-20; Hebrews 12:3-11)
2. We are not Alone in our Struggles and Sufferings (v. 9b)
 - Both, in our individual struggles & sufferings and corporately (1 Corinthians 10:13; Matthew 24:21-27)

Conclusion/Application (vs. 10-11)

- Reassured Confidence in God in our suffering, according to our calling to an eternal glory (v. 10)
 - Not Called to punishment or wrath, but to salvation (1 Thessalonians 5:9)
- God has dominion forever (v. 11)
 - No one, including the Devil, is mightier than God who can rob God's redeemed sheep of His promise – ever!