



Review

The main themes of 1 Peter are:

1. We have a new identity as God's people but that means we are treated as strangers in this world.
2. As God's holy people we are called to follow Christ's example in suffering.
3. We have hope that we will be exalted to eternal glory in Christ.

In verse 17 of chapter 4 Peter has warned believers that fiery trials will come and judge the household of God. In the final chapter he further explains that the judgment of God's household will begin with its shepherds or elders (see Ezek 9:6). Therefore, he exhorts the shepherds and then exhorts the whole household, followed by his final greetings.

1 Peter 5:1-11 Final Exhortations and Greetings

1. Exhortation to those who shepherd (v1-4)

- **Why does Peter describe himself the way he does, before exhorting shepherds?**

- **What does Peter mention about the flocks that elders are to shepherd?**

- **What particular temptations does Peter warn leaders about?**

2. Exhortation to everyone in the church (v5-11)

- **What does 'being subject' to the elders look like and how is that related to humility?**



- **How does verse 6 summarize Peter's exhortation to everyone?**

- **How does Peter's image of our 'adversary' inform our understanding of spiritual warfare?**

- **How does Peter encourage us to keep our sufferings in proper perspective?**

3. Greetings (v12-14)

- **Peter's wrote this letter so we would understand our new identity as God's people, be encouraged to endure suffering like Christ, and to look forward to our hope of eternal glory with Christ. What can we glean about enduring till our hope is revealed from Peter's greeting?**