I Peter 5:5-9

 *“The Roar of the Lion”*

Introduction

1. When I say, ‘roaring lion’ you think of a National Geographic special with pictures of lions

 chasing a prey…guarding a carcass or marking a territory.

2. What would these Christians think to whom Peter was writing? They would think of the

 Coliseum and Christians being thrown to the lions. What a vivid picture *‘Satan goes about*

 *like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.’*

3. Do you hear the roar of the lion?

4. I Peter 5:5-9 gives three times that you will hear the roar of the lion:

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**I. TIMES OF PRIDE 5:5-6**

 ***A. The Attitude 5a***

*Submit yourselves* is also found in (Eph. 5:18, 21) Paul starts with being controlled by

 the Holy Spirit. Then *submitting yourselves to one another*. As the Holy Spirit

 controls me I will submit.

1. *Younger submit yourselves unto the elder.* It can mean the office of elder which

was just mentioned or physical or spiritual age. Here it seems to be the latter.

The *elder* seems to be a mature believer in contrast to a new convert.

1. How can a new convert *submit or rule under?*

*\**A doctor or lawyer may be taught spiritual things from a machine operator or farmer.

*\**In Rome there were 20-30 million slaves. A free man or woman may be taught by a slave. Children can ‘teach’ parents. Students may ‘teach’ a professor. An employee may ‘teach’ a boss or owner of the business.

 **\***Pride stops us from learning!

 **3.** *All are subject one to another.*

 \*It was so in (Eph. 5:21) and so it is here. We yield up our rights in love.

 \*We take 2nd place. We see the value of and in others.

 \*The lion is roaring: When we stop learning…When no one can tell you

 anything…When you already know it all.

 \*The lion is roaring: When we think we are better than someone else because of

 placement, performance, intellect or even skin color.

 ***B. The Attire 5b***

*Be clothed with humility.*

1. *Humility* means, ‘to bow low’.
2. *Clothed* was a slaves apron.

\*This is the heart of a servant.

\**Who will be the greatest in the kingdom?* Jesus then washes His disciples’ feet. (John 13:4, 5...14, 15)

 **3.** *Humility* is a fragile flower or the wings of a butterfly. When you grasp it, you

 will destroy it! It’s not natural to voluntarily take second place. **It’s so easy to**

 **think that we are SOMEBODY!**

 **4.** When we lose the heart of a servant, the lion roars. When we fail to see the worth

 and value of another…the lion roars!

 ***C. The Antagonism 5c***

*God resists the proud.*

1. God straight arms the proud.
2. *Resists* is a military term and is used of an army drawn up to battle. Pride calls out God’s armies. God sets Himself against the proud.
3. *Proud* means ‘to show above’. God cannot stand pride. We seem to not be able to live without it!

 ***D. The Admonition 6***

*Therefore…*in light of God’s resistance to pride.

1. **What?**

*Humble yourself…*it is our responsibility. Intentionally take second place. Intentionally promote, praise someone else. Be pleased when someone else is recognized. See greatness in others!

 **2. Where?**

*Under the mighty hand or God…*Pride is an indicator that you are not under His

 control or authority. This is where we begin: Surrender…Submit…Let Him

 take control!

1. **Why?**

*\*He gives grace to the humble.* I receive His adequacy for my inadequacy. His power becomes mine at the point of humility. All That I Want Is In Jesus…

*\*That He might exalt you in His time.* God will promote you in His time and in His way. God is never in a hurry! He wants us to be used to a greater and greater capacity. Who is to say the best move is always up?! God often permits us to be demoted so He can promote us…*In His Time!*

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**II. TIMES OF PRESSURE 5:7**

*Care* is anxious care. The lion has been roaring a lot with COVID 19...protests…riots and

 destruction. Just wait for the 2020 election…we haven’t seen anything yet!

 *“Worry is like a rocking chair. It gives us something to do, but we get nowhere.” Glenn*

 *Turner* Satan loves us to live in a ‘what if’ world and a ‘tomorrow’ world.

1. ***What Am I To Do With Them?***

*Casting all your care upon Him*

1. *Casting* means ‘to roll a weight upon’…‘having deposited it’.
2. *All* means all. That’s all that *all* means.
3. *All* is not one at a time. Take Your Burdens To The Lord and Leave Them There!
4. ***Where Am I To Deposit Them?***

*Upon Him…the mighty hand of God*

1. Give them to the Lord and let Him carry the load.
2. *(Matt. 6:33-34) quote* Live today and let tomorrow take care of itself!
3. ***Why Am I To Do This?***

*For He cares for you*

1. Does Jesus Care? O, yes He cares, I know He cares!
2. Satan will say, “No one cares!” You are a target: Feel sorry for yourself …Depression…Suicide.
3. Get your eyes off yourself. To change perspective you must change positions. See as God sees.
4. *For You* I don’t know how but God takes a personal interest in each of us!

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**III. TIMES OF PROBLEMS 5:8-9**

*(Eph 6:12) For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but principalities, powers, mights*

 *and dominions.* We are in a spiritual warfare!

1. ***The Response…Be Alert 8a***

**1.** *Be sober* is the opposite of intoxicated. This is a clear mind. Mentally alert.

**2.** Be on the alert! Post a lookout!

 ***B. The Reason…Be Aware 8b***

We have an adversary who is out to kill us!

**1. He Is Dreadful…***He is a roaring lion…walks about (paces)*

 **2. He Is Desirous…***Seeking whom he may devour.* Pride…Pressure…Problems…

 Satan wants to ruin your life. He looks for that Alone moment…that Weak

 moment. He singles you out. Lions often hunt in groups. I saw them take down

 an elephant!

 ***C. The Resistance…Be Advancing 9a***

*Whom resist steadfastly in the faith*

1. He is too strong for us.
2. *Be firm against* is a solid military front. James 4:7 we see 3 acts of consecration:

 *Submit…*absolute surrender…*Resist the devil…*‘to stand against’…*Draw near to*

 *God…*desire the closest possible relationship!

1. *Faith* is believing God. *Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.*
2. Depend on God’s strength and not yours!

 ***D. The Reach…Be Advised 9b***

You are not the Lone Ranger.

1. *Same afflictions (plural)* It hurts when the lion pounces!
2. Don’t feel like you are the first and only to face your particular lion. *Accomplished in your brothers in the world* and around the world. In every corner of the world the lion is roaring.

***Every roar of the Devil is an opportunity to see how great our God really is!!***

***Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world!***