

# Casting All Your Care Upon Him; For He Careth For You

**Intro:** Peter makes the statement that serves as the title of this lesson in his first epistle: 1 Pet. 5:7 <sup>47</sup> Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.” This statement is in the midst of several imperatives (submit, be clothed, humble yourselves, be sober, be vigilant, resist), but it is not an imperative itself (it is a participle). This statement explains what it means to humble ourselves under God’s mighty hand (they are entrusting themselves to God). See the example of Christ in 1 Pet. 2:23 <sup>23</sup> Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously:”

## I. THE WORDS OF THE VERSE

### A. Casting.

1. It is from the Greek word ἐπιρίπτω (*epiripto*) meaning “to throw upon or place upon.”
2. *Casting* is also an aorist showing a completed act (an act that is a once for all act; he forever rids himself of it).

### B. Care.

1. It is from the Greek μέριμνα (*merimna*).
2. It means “anxiety or worry over circumstances which one does not know how to handle.”
  - a. It is probably from a word meaning to draw in different directions and thus to distract.
  - b. These are things which would distract us from our God-given duty.

### C. Careth.

1. This is from the Greek μέλει (*melei*).
2. *Careth* signifies that something is an object of care, especially the care of forethought and interest, rather than anxiety.
3. This word also implies that God has both the will and ability to meet our needs.

## II. WHO IS THE *HIM* AND *HE* IN THE TEXT.

### A. Contextually it is “God.”

1. 1 Pet. 5:5-6 <sup>45</sup> Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. <sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:”
2. God:
  - a. There are three Divine Beings all of Whom possess the nature of God.
  - b. There is:
    - (1) God the Father
    - (2) God the Son
    - (3) God the Holy Spirit
  - c. When we see *God* in the text, we should think of all three Divine Beings unless context shows One is under discussion.

### B. *God* here refers to the Father.

1. Remote context: We are only to direct our prayers to the Father.
  - a. Jesus example: Mat. 6:9 <sup>49</sup> After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.”

- b. John 16:23 <sup>23</sup> “And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give *it* you.”
- c. Eph. 5:20 <sup>20</sup> “Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;”
- 2. Immediate context:
  - a. In 1 Pet. 5:5-6 (<sup>5</sup> Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. <sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:”) *God* is used but does not give us an indication of which of the Divine Three.
  - b. 1 Pet. 5:10 <sup>10</sup> “But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*.”
    - (1) Here we have a distinction between God and Christ Jesus.
    - (2) Thus, God has reference to the Father and not to Christ.

### III. GOD CARES FOR US

#### A. God verbally expresses this thought many times through various expressions.

- 1. Psa. 62:6-7 <sup>6</sup> “He only *is* my rock and my salvation: *he is* my defence; I shall not be moved. <sup>7</sup> In God *is* my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, *and* my refuge, *is* in God.”
- 2. Psa. 142:4-5 <sup>4</sup> “I looked on *my* right hand, and beheld, but *there was* no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul. <sup>5</sup> I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my refuge *and* my portion in the land of the living.”
- 3. Jesus taught us to pray; Mat. 6:11 <sup>11</sup> “Give us this day our daily bread.”
- 4. Mat. 6:25-34 <sup>25</sup> “Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? <sup>26</sup> Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? <sup>27</sup> Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? <sup>28</sup> And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: <sup>29</sup> And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? <sup>32</sup> (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. <sup>33</sup> But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. <sup>34</sup> Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.”
- 5. Every time we read of the love of God toward man.

#### B. Greater yet, God demonstrated His care.

- 1. Placing Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden to take care of all their needs (Gen. 2).
- 2. Delivering Israel from Egyptian bondage.
- 3. Even after Israel’s apostasy, God continually send judges to deliver them.
- 4. The ultimate sacrifice of giving His only begotten Son to die for our sins.
  - a. John 3:16 <sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
  - b. Rom. 5:8-10 <sup>8</sup> “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. <sup>10</sup> For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.”

#### IV. WE CAST OUR CARES UPON HIM

##### A. These are cares which would distract us from God's service.

1. Psa. 55:22 <sup>“22</sup> Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.”
2. Phi. 4:6-7 <sup>“6</sup> Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

##### B. These cares could be various in nature:

1. Family cares.
2. Business cares.
3. Personal cares.
4. Cares for friends and others.
5. Cares for the church.

#### V. THEN WE CAN ACCEPT WHATEVER MAY COME

##### A. Through prayer we can give every care to God, thus we need not worry.

1. Jer. 17:7 <sup>“7</sup> Blessed *is* the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.”
2. Phi. 4:6-7 <sup>“6</sup> Be careful for nothing [In nothing be anxious—ASV]; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

##### B. God looks on us for good.

1. 1 Pet. 3:12 <sup>“12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil.”
2. Rom. 8:28 <sup>“28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.”
3. Heb. 13:5-6 <sup>“5</sup> *Let your* conversation *be* without covetousness; *and be* content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. <sup>6</sup> So that we may boldly say, The Lord *is* my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”

##### C. Thus, we trust Him in all circumstances.

1. Psa. 62:8 <sup>“8</sup> Trust in him at all times; *ye* people, pour out your heart before him: God *is* a refuge for us. Selah.”
2. Psa. 118:8-9 <sup>“8</sup> It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. <sup>9</sup> It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.”

##### D. He might avert the fear or support us through it.

1. 1 Cor. 10:13 <sup>“13</sup> There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.”
2. 2 Cor. 4:8-9 <sup>“8</sup> We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup> Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;”

**Conclusion:** What a wonderful and encouraging thought that God cares for me, thus I can cast my anxieties upon Him, but only if I am a faithful servant of His.