

Have A Humble ATTITUDE

(Verse 5)

- Towards <u>elders</u> (v. 5a)—submissiveness
- Towards <u>everyone</u> (v. 5b)—servanthood

"The school of suffering never graduates any students, so ask God to teach you the lessons he wants you to learn."

(Warren Wiersbe)

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"mighty hand of God" = describes God's <u>power</u> in delivering his people who are in trouble.

(Ex. 3:19; 13:3; Deut. 3:24)

In times of difficulty, <u>surrender</u> yourself in <u>humility</u> to the sovereign <u>purposes</u> of God for your life.

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"...casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you."

Anxiety is us trying to strip God of his position of authority over our lives.

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"merimnao" = to tear or divide the mind

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To <u>deliberately</u> and <u>decisively</u> give God our problems and <u>leave</u> them there.

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God is both powerful/sovereign AND loving/good.

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In Christ, we have the power to resist the devil.

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 - 1. By standing firm in the faith
 - 2. By remembering you're not alone

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"...the God of all grace..."

Sustaining grace

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"To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen!"

Doctrine always leads to doxology / worship.

