

Humility and Prayer

1 Peter 5:6-7; Psalm 55; 2 Kings 19:1--20:7

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Introduction

- Muhammad Ali as the “Greatest”
- Many today have an “Ali-complex”

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A. “Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God”—5:6

1. What is humility?
 - a. “*lowliness of mind*”—Phil. 2:3
 - b. Realistic view of oneself before God—Rom. 12:3
2. Humble service flows from a humbleness before God
3. Humbleness before God is a choice, a command.
4. Seeing ourselves under the “*mighty hand of God*”
 - a. “*Mighty hand of God*” in the Old Testament
 - 1) Creation—Isaiah 48:13
 - 2) Deliverance—Exod. 3:19-20; 13:3
 - 3) Discipline—Ezek. 20:33-38
 - 4) Accomplished purposes—Isaiah 14:24-27
 - b. We are the “*weak*” ones—1 Cor. 1:26-29

B. “Casting all your care upon Him”—1 Peter 5:7

1. Casting our weaknesses on God’s strength.
2. Experience of David—Psalm 55
 - a) Betrayed by a close friend—vv. 13-14
 - b) Felt overwhelmed and afraid—vv. 4-5
 - c) Cast his care upon the Lord—vv. 16-17, 22
3. Experience of Hezekiah and Sennacherib
 - a) Sennacherib’s prideful threat—2 Kings 18:28-35
 - b) Hezekiah’s humble contrition before God—2 Kings 19:1-7
 - c) Hezekiah “casting” his care on the Lord—2 Kings 19:14-19
4. Paul’s admonition in Philippians 4:6-7

C. Two Promises of God for those who humbly cast!

1. God cares for you!—1 Peter 5:7
 - a. Jesus’ promise in the Sermon on Mount—Matt. 6:25-34
 - b. Bottom line: Trust Him! Establish right priorities.
2. God will exalt in His time—1 Peter 5:6
 - a. Promise of Jesus—Luke 14:11 and James (4:7-10)
 - b. Played out in life of Sennacherib and Hezekiah
 - 1) Sennacherib’s downfall—2 Kings 19:35-37
 - 2) Hezekiah’s exaltation—2 Kings 20:5-7
 - c. In “due time”? Now or later? Second Coming?