

INTRODUCTION

1. Jesus told Peter of his future & Peter asked, "What about John?" There is a legitimate self-interest. Ps 138:8 *what concerns me*: "What about me?"
2. What shld I endeavor to do? One word: humility. v6-8. "The humble will be led by the hand of the Lord to fulfill the purpose of the Lord."

1st: The Humble - v6

1. **We are reminded of the Lord's transcendence:** *exalted*. Ps 115:2-3; Isa 40:21-22.
2. **Lord sees two kinds of men:** *haughty & lowly*. Hab 2:4 *haughty* are idolaters. The *lowly* are contrite & accept God's answer: Hab 2:2-3 Word gives hope
3. **Lord views them differently:** *regards* lowly but *knows* haughty *from afar*
 - i. *Regard* => sees, keeps eye on [Ps 139:1-7]; [Isa 57:15].
 - ii. God *knows* the *haughty* but keeps His distance. [Jms 4:6]
 - iii. Unbelief is pride & faith is humble self-entrustment, not self-sufficiency.

2nd: The Humble Will be Led by the Hand of the Lord - v7

1. **The significance of *the hand of the Lord*.** *Thy right hand* => exalted Christ.
 - i. OT: God's power to save & rule [Ex 15:6]; [Dt 33:2; Ps 45:4; 108:6]
 - ii. NT: Christ sits at right hand: saving & governing [Ps 110:1-2]; [Heb 8:1]
2. **Our situation:** *midst of trouble; wrath of enemies*: providence & people
 - i. *Trouble*: Jn 16:33 - *tribulation*]. *in midst of* - surrounded, enclosed.
 - ii. *Wrath of enemies*: [Jn 15:18-19]; Satan = *adversary, lion* (1Pt 5:8)
 - iii. Providential situations that test & prove our faith, hope, love.
3. **Lord's regard for us:** *will revive; stretch hand against my enemies; will save*
 - i. **Preservation** - our situation will not overwhelm us. [Isa 43:1-3a]; [1C 10:13] We can & will overcome. We are not victims, we are victors.

- ii. **Protection** - our enemies will not triumph [R 8:35-39]; [Mt 10:28-31]
- iii. Regardless of the nature of opposition: we overcome in resurrected Christ.

3rd: Humble Will be Led by Hand of Lord To Fulfill the Purpose of the Lord - v8

1. **The Purpose of the Lord & *what concerns me*.** [Rm 8:28-32]; [Phil 1:6; 3:21]. To conform us to Christ in glory.
2. **The Purpose of the Lord & the character of the Lord.** *Lord* is God covenant name - *lovingkindness*: faithful to promises = love.
3. **The Purpose of the Lord & the commitment of the Lord:** *the works of His hands?* [Eph 2:10] We are the work of His hands: in Christ by the HS.
 - i. *not forsake* = will not *abandon those whom He has made*
4. Jesus told Peter re: his future & Jesus knows our future. We will move thru time to enter eternity w/ Him. How shld we live? W/ humility of faith in Christ, hope in Christ, & love for Christ. Ps 138:6-8. AMEN