

Introduction

- A. Peter's Closing Exhortations
- B. A Call to Vigilance and a Promise of Preservation

Main Idea: Be vigilant and Persevere in the Promises Through Faith

How Shall I be Vigilant?

- I. Know Your Enemy (5:8b)
 - A. Satan is real (5:8b)
 - B. Satan is not omnipresent, but is a savvy General

- II. Know your Enemy's Schemes (5:8b)
Satan is Incredibly Skilled at Playing the Angles
 - A. Sometimes he **roars** (2 Cor 4:4)
 - B. Sometimes he **prows** (2 Cor 11:3)
 - C. Satan is exceedingly watchful, consistent, and more than earnest. Shall we not be more so?

- III. Know Your Strategy for Resistance (5:8–10)
 - A. How do we resist the Devil and his hordes?
 - 1. Resisting the Devil requires a Sober Mind (5:8a; cf. 1:13; 4:7)
 - a. Circumstances and Feelings Intoxicate a Sober Mind
 - b. Pride Intoxicates a Sober Mind
 - c. A Sober-Mind is Consumed with Christ
 - 2. Resisting the Devil requires Watchfulness (5:8a)
 - 3. Resisting the Devil requires Communion with the Saints (5:9)
 - 4. Resisting the Devil Requires Standing Firm by Clinging to the Word (5:9a)
 - a. Eleazer's Relentless Grasp on the Sword Brought Victory (2 Sam 23:9, 10)
 - b. God has given us the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God (Eph 6:17; cf. Psalm 119:31)
 - c. The Promise of Assurance (5:10–11).

- IV. To what shall I Cling?
A new relationship with Christ means a new relationship with sin