

PRAISE GOD **I Peter 5:10-11**

Amid life's perils, we must always praise God!

I. REMEMBER (10)

- The "why" of praise

A. GOD LIMITS OUR SUFFERING (10a)

1. Suffering is Seasonal: "for a little while"
2. Suffering is Survivable: See Genesis 50:20 and Job 42:12

B. GOD IS GOOD TO US (10b)

1. His Exceeding Grace is Good: "The God of all grace"
 - a. For all kinds of needs
 - b. At all times of need
2. His Eternal Glory is Good: "who called you to His eternal glory in Christ"
 - a. The significance: See Paul's testimony in II Cor. 4:16-18
 - b. The summons: God called you!
 - c. The subject: Eternal glory
 - d. The Savior: In Christ

C. GOD IS REINFORCING US (10c)

1. The Activator: "(God) will Himself"
 - God is presently, certainly, personally at work
2. The Activity
 - a. Perfecting: Putting us in order
 - b. Confirming: Making us able to pass
 - c. Strengthening: Conditioning through repeated exercises
 - d. Establishing: Making us grounded and settled

II. REPLY (11)

- The "how" of praise

A. REPORT GOD'S DOMINION

1. Make a Statement: To Him is dominion
2. Declare His status: Dominion includes two things
 - a. Superiority: Tell of God's power > He is able to dominate
 - b. Authority: Tell of God's position > He is able to regulate

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B. REPEAT GOD’S DOMINION

- The eternal glory he gives (10) merits our eternal glorification of Him (11)

C. REAFFIRM GOD’S DOMINION: “Amen”

- So be it! Truly! Indeed! This is how it should be!

CONCLUSION:

STATEMENT: Though we may seasonally suffer we have ...

- A gracious, good and guiding God who dominates and regulates

EXPANDED: Though we may seasonally suffer we have a

- gracious (limiting our suffering)
 - good (providing exceeding grace and eternal glory)
 - guiding (making us better)
- God who dominates and regulates

CONTRACTED: Though we may seasonally suffer we have ... God

ESSENTIALLY: We have God! (*Praise Him!*)