

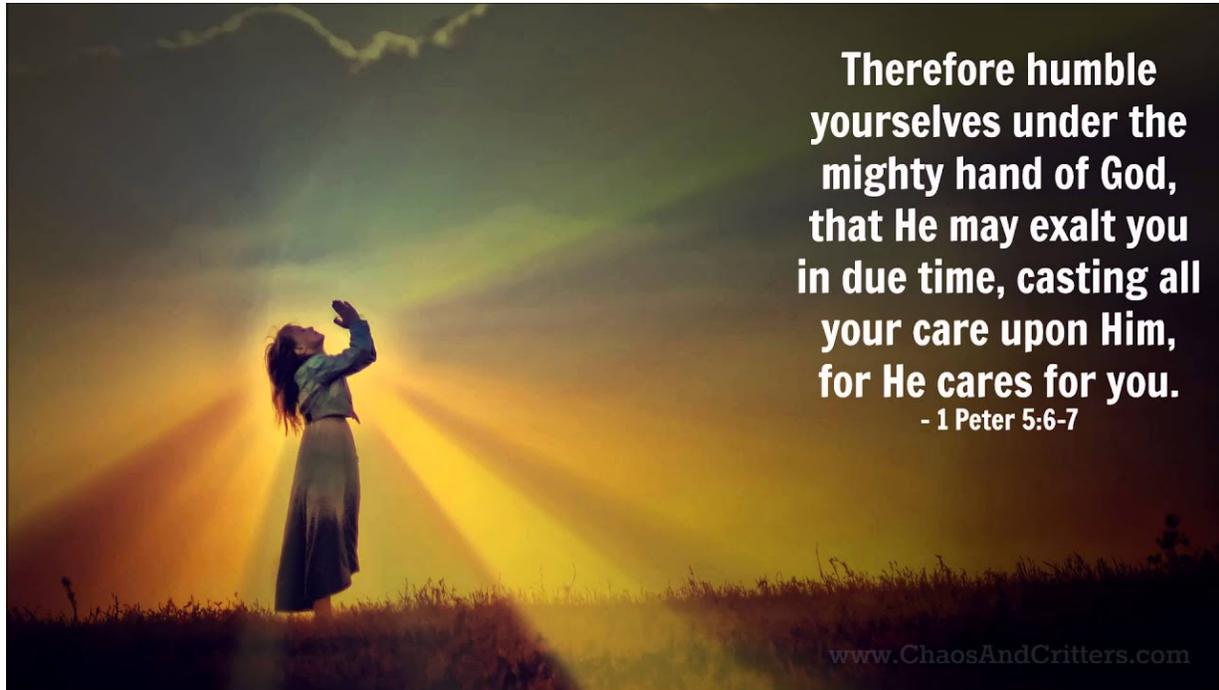
# The Corona Chronicle

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Being Church while the Corona Virus emergency is on



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- 1 Peter 5:6-7

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**1 Peter 5v1-11**

**v6-7**

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**Therefore. v6**

Elders and younger people are all urged to honour God in the way they behave. Elders should act as willing shepherds under the headship of the Chief Shepherd our Lord Jesus Christ not to lord it over those who are younger. Younger people are called to be willingly submissive especially as the Elders bring God's word. God resists proud people and gives grace to the humble under His mighty hand.

**God cares for you v6-7**

**ALL** your cares not some.

God does not call us to be self sufficient to live a life apart from Him. If we think that we can live without God, and this might go on for a long time, then something like a Pandemic brings us up with a big jolt.

The belief that we can trust in science alone is flawed. It is sad to see the atheists trying to give answers which they are unable to do. The Atheist position is that by science things are going to get better but we see that this is not necessary so. We are thankful for science that tries to explain the operation of the world but it forgets the Creator who is behind and controls it all.

**God is able to care for each one of us. He is our strength.**

t the end of Habakkuk 3v19 it says;  
*The LORD God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet, And He will make me walk on my high hills.*

We might be in the position when we are unable to climb the hills. I remember going with Alyson to the lake district a few years ago and seeing some of the wonderful hills and finding them too much for us to climb.

Spiritually our burdens may seem great and overwhelming but the Lord can lift us through these trials

It is thought that Peter was referring to the Greek version (LXX) of Psalm 55v22. NKJV

Cast your burden on the LORD,  
And He shall sustain you;  
He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

The word burden or care in the original means what is given or a gift. Does God give as a gift burdens or cares?

Philippians 1 v29 NKJV states  
29 For to you it has been **granted** on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

Paul is saying that suffering for Christ is a gift. It is granted, freely given.

Jesus stated clearly what it means to follow Him:  
"Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?"  
(Luke 9:23–25).

In Jesus' day the cross always symbolized death. When a man carried a cross, he had already been condemned to die on it.

Jesus said that, in order to follow Him, one must be willing to humble oneself 'to die to self.' We will not all die martyrs' deaths.

We will not all be imprisoned, beaten, or tortured for our faith. So what kind of death did Jesus mean?

Paul explains in Galatians 2:20,  
"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by

faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

To follow Christ means we die to our own way of doing things. This is a humbling thing.

We consider our will, our rights, our passions, and our goals to be crucified on the cross with Him.

Dying to self is painful and goes against our natural inclination to seek our own pleasure. But we cannot follow both Christ and the flesh

(Luke 16:13; Matthew 6:24; Romans 8:8).

That pain, that burden we can cast upon Jesus.

This word "casting" in verse 7 occurs one other time in the New Testament—in Luke 19:35, in exactly the same form.

It's Palm Sunday and the disciples have been sent to get the donkey for Jesus to ride on. Then verse 35 says, "They brought it to Jesus, and casting their garments on the colt, they set Jesus on it."

So the meaning is simple and straightforward: if you have a garment on and you want an animal to carry it for you, you "cast" the garment on the animal. In this way you don't carry it anymore. It's on the animal not on you. The donkey works for you and lifts your load.

Well, God is willing to carry your anxieties the same way a donkey carries your baggage.

One of the greatest things about the God of the Bible is that He commands us to let Him work for us before commanding us to work for Him. "Come to me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). "

"Even to your old age I am He, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save" (Isaiah 46:4).

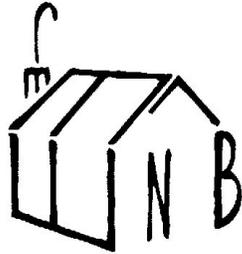
"From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides Thee, who works for those who wait for Him (Isaiah 64:4).

God wants to be a burden bearer because it demonstrates His power and puts Him in a class by Himself among the so-called gods of the universe. So throw the garments of your anxiety onto Him. He wants to carry it.

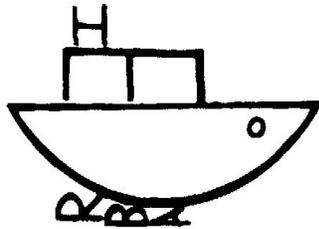
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# Hidden Bible Characters I

1. A very wicked queen



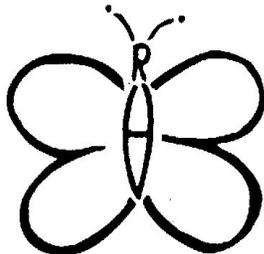
2. A lady general



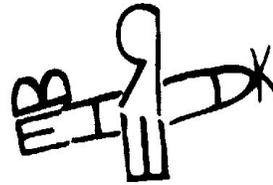
3. The mother of a very wise king



4. The sister of Moses



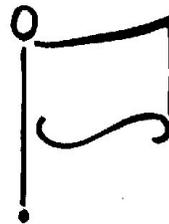
5. The mother of twins



6. A tentmaker



7. A Christian grandmother



8. The mother of Isaac



# Hymns Prayers and Bible Readings.

Father, You know the multitude of sins I have committed in my life and even this past week. Help me hate my sin more and grow in grace as I contemplate what Christ has done to forgive me and free me from sin's death grip. Open the eyes of my heart to see the glorious hope we have in Christ, Your love for all of the saints, and Your power at work in us who believe (Ephesians 1:18-21). Cause my heart to burn within me as we celebrate the gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord .Amen.

## Thanksgiving

**Almighty God and merciful Father,  
We give you humble and hearty thanks  
For all Your goodness and loving kindness  
To us and to all people.  
We praise You for creating and sustaining us  
And for all the blessings of this life;  
But above all for Your amazing love  
In redeeming the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Giving us grace and the hope of glory.  
Give us such a sense of all Your goodness,  
That we may be truly thankful, and may praise You  
Not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
By serving You in holy and righteous ways;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
To whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
Be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**  
Better Gatherings

## Bible Reading 1Peter 5 v 1-11

1The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed:  
2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;  
3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;  
4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.  
Submit to God, Resist the Devil

5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

11 To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## Hymn

**Great is the gospel of our glorious God,  
Where mercy met the anger of God's rod;  
A penalty was paid and pardon bought,  
And sinners lost, at last to Him were brought:**

*O let the praises of my heart be Thine,  
For Christ has died that I may call Him mine,  
That I may sing with those who dwell above,  
Adoring, praising Jesus, King of Love.*

**Great is the mystery of godliness,  
Great is the work of God's own holiness,  
It moves my soul, and causes me to long  
For greater joys than to the earth belong:**

**The Spirit vindicated Christ our Lord,  
And angels sang with joy and sweet accord;  
The nations heard, a dark world flamed with light –  
When Jesus rose in glory and in might:**

Vernon Higham