Ps 109:1 Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise;

2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

3 They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause.

4 For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer.

5 And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

6 Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand.

Satan - saw-tawn' opponent, adversary, resistor, accuser

If you can’t be lied about, falsely accused, hated & fought against without a cause; you won’t know what it is like to enter into the sufferings of Christ.

Pray for your enemies, love your enemies, don’t treat them as an enemy.

Mt 26:49 And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him. 50 And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

Ps 109:8 Let his days be few; and let another take his office.

26 Help me, O LORD my God: O save me according to thy mercy:

27 That they may know that this is thy hand; that thou, LORD, hast done it.

18 As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.

19 Let it be unto him as the garment which covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

28 Let them curse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let thy servant rejoice.29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle.

Zec 3:1 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

2 And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? 3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. 4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.5 And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

**The Call to Benefit from the Law of Being clothed with Humility**

1Peter 5:5 **Likewise**, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

1Peter 5:5 **Likewise**

**A humble Elder**

1Pe 5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

2 **Feed the flock of God** which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

1. Partake of His Grace
   1. Grace and Power to become the sons of God. Jn.1:12; Heb 2:10
      1. By Him and for Him.
         1. Face the unbelief
         2. Face the sufferings of Christ, ridicule, rejection, persecution
         3. Face God
            1. Partake of His Glory
   2. Grace and power to be a witness (Acts 1:8)
      1. Are you a witness?
      2. How much of a witness?

John 1:7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

Ac 4:33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

Ac 22:15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

* + 1. What kind of a witness?

Ac 10:43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

Ac 4:33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

Lu 4:22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

Mt 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Mt 26:59 Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death;

Mr 14:55 And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none.

1. Partake of His Glory
   1. Grace, power and Glory

2Co 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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| 1Timothy 5:19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. {before: or, under}  1Peter 5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: |

A Humble Person

is one who God has helped and is helping

one becomes humble as God continues to help

God helps the humble

God gives grace to the humble

Grace is unmerited favor so you must respond in faith as He draws

is one who God has humbled

a person humbled by God

a strengthened person

God strengthens the humble

God uses the humble to strengthen others

1Peter 5:5 “**Likewise” submitting to a humble Elder**

1Pe 5:5 ¶ Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

“Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility”

**2Co 5:4** For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but **clothed upon,** that mortality might be swallowed up of life**.**

be clothed with immortality

Heb 7:16 Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

Everlasting Life, Eternal Life

Ro 2:7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

Ro 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Col 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

1Co 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

“**for** God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble”

1. There are natural laws
   1. God has made this world to operate according to certain laws.
      1. There are laws in the natural realm.
      2. There are laws in our human body.
   2. When we understand those laws, and submit ourselves to them, we receive the benefit of those laws.

Electricity is something which man did not invent, but instead discovered. If Adam had known the principle, he could have had electricity in his time. But for thousands of years man lived without electricity. This is one example of the fact that when you discover the law, you get the benefit of it.

It is the same with the human body. Medical research has discovered foods that are good for certain sickness, and foods that are bad. When we discover those laws and obey those laws, our physical life is healthier and we live longer. It is all the result of following God's laws. If we disobey those laws or neglect those laws some will suffer longer and longer. When one does wrong we all could suffer for it or one could suffer that others would learn. Like Jesus, He suffered that we might learn.

* 1. Some jobs require more strength and stamina then other’s but always working together

1. There are Spiritual laws
   1. Man that doesn’t know God's laws does not fully enjoy the benefit of them. Jesus said , ye shall know the truth
   2. “It is what it is”

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth - (know and obey Christ, the *law of the Spirit*), shall make you free. Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

* 1. Spiritual laws require greater strength and obedience with growth.

2Pe 3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. 1Ti 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. 1Pe 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

John 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

The more truth we know and obey through faith in Christ, the more we will be free from the power of sin. As the Holy Spirit shows us certain laws we must obey. If we don't follow and neglect those laws we sin.

For example if one has heart disease in their body and medical research has proved that certain types of foods are not good for heart disease and they know it but don't follow the instructions that science gives and they get a heart attack, they can only blame themself, because they knew, but didn't follow what they knew. There are many people like this who know the truth but don't follow.

1Pe 5:2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

How important it is when you’re dealing with heights, winds-natural forces, the law of gravity-It is exactly the same in the Christian life. Some don't know. Some know the laws but don't obey them and then they suffer loss.

* 1. The spiritual law of humility.

1Peter 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

1. Humility is an unchanging law of the Spirit.
   1. If you humble yourself, you get the benefit of God’s grace, if you’re proud God will resist you.
2. This is a law that applies equally to the believer as well as to the unbeliever.
3. It is like the law of gravity. If you jump out of a tree, the law of gravity does not find out first if you are a believer or an unbeliever. The law of gravity immediately begins to operate as soon as you step off the limb. And it makes no difference who it is.
4. If a person is proud, whether he is a believer or an unbeliever God will resist him. Now the devil is already fighting against people, the lusts of the flesh are fighting against people, and on top of that if God also fights against such people, there is serious trouble.

So many Christians do not receive the special grace they are looking for because of disobedience; lack of knowledge or obedience is not complete, still yet obeying. Our trust is in Christ to help us do the impossible. Our faith, patience and love is still being tested.

God gives his grace to the lowly-humble. And we could also say God always gives His grace to the humble. It's a law that cannot be changed. Grace always flows down through the test to the obedient humble believer. Why require obedience? I Pt. 1:2; 4:17; 5:10

1. The law of humility is powerfully true.

1Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

1. God exalts the humble over sin. Sin is to be under your feet. Not people but sin under our feet.
2. God will exalt you over the devil. I want the devil under my feet. And if you are a serious Christian, you'd be far more interested in having sin and Satan under your feet, than people.

The trouble with a lot of Christian leaders today is, that they have people under them, but sin is not under them, the devil is not under them. The devil runs rampant in their organizations. Sin overcomes these people in their life.

1. But if you humble yourself, God will exalt you spiritually.
2. It's not just for leadership or authority, but for overcoming sin, lust, pride, and Satan.

Romans 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

He's not only to be under our feet, but he's to be crushed under our feet. He was defeated at the cross. 1John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Through a humble faith in Christ we can receive His grace that will destroy the works of the devil.

The God of peace shall crush Satan under your feet. Jesus already defeated him on Calvary, but even though he is still being permitted to attack God's people for different tests, God's people can have the joy of knowing that the God of peace will crush Satan under our feet.

Joshua 10:24 And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them. 25 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight. 26 And afterward Joshua smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening.

Malachi 4:3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

That's what the Lord says to His people. If you will humble yourself under His mighty hands, He will give you such grace, that Satan will never have power over you. Satan will be under your feet.

* Satan will not have power in your home.
* Satan will not have power in your churches. He'll be under your feet. Every demon will be under your feet.
* Sin will not rule over you, Sickness will not rule over you, sinister will not rule you, frustration over other peoples situation won’t rule over you, frustration over your own situations won’t rule over you.

**2Co 6:1 ¶ We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.**

**As we work together clothed in humility the grace of God makes us look good to the world.**

**Ga 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. Ga 6:5 For every man shall bear his own burden.** Romans 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

1. The law of humility is with promise.
   1. Obedience by grace through faith in Christ is liberty, freedom from sin.
      1. Sin shall not be master over you, because you are not under law, but under grace.
         1. The Old Covenant was symbolized by the word "law".
         2. The New Covenant is represented by the word "Grace".
            1. Moses came down from the mountain and brought the law.
            2. Jesus came down from heaven and brought grace and truth.

John 1:16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

But that grace is not available for everyone just any and every time. There is a law - the law of humility. God always gives His grace to the humble.

1John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

He forgives everybody's sins when they come to Him and repent.

Romans 6:14 says, “For sin shall not have dominion over you “

That grief comes under your feet, the violent temper and anger does not rule anymore, Your heart is no longer bitter with people - it comes under your feet. You are no longer jealous of somebody who has more than you or who is better than you, or treated better than you, It comes under your feet. Dirty thoughts, which rule the minds of so many people, stop ruling the mind. It comes under your feet. You need grace. And God gives His grace to the humble.

Grace is a tremendous power. Grace is power. The Holy Spirit is called "The Spirit of Grace".

Zec 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

2Co 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

God speaks of His grace as His Strength and power. God's grace equals God's power. Acts 4:33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

Hebrews 13:9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

Don't be carried away by varied and strange teachings. There are so many doctrines that people preach today, and in Paul's time, Don't get carried away by them, because the main thing is that the heart should be strengthened by grace." Grace strengthens the heart's defenses so that the enemy cannot come in. When the heart is not strengthened by grace, temptation comes knocking at the heart’s door and comes right in. Whether it's anger, or dirty thoughts, or bitterness, or jealousy, or the love of money, or anything, it finds easy entrance into a person's heart, because it is not strengthened by grace. So he says don't be carried away with strange teachings.

The Spirit of God brings sin under our feet. It is the Spirit of Grace.

Humility and honest are very closely connected. The humble man is always honest. He will not pretend that he has something he doesn't have. The proud man is dishonest.

If you confess your sin as sin, the blood of Jesus will cleanse you. But if you are dishonest and call it by some other name, it will not cleanse you. Be honest.

1John 2:1 ¶ My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father,

You can't say, "I never fall or never sin." But it is so rare. You have learned to walk. We can learn to walk in victory. Grace is given so that we overcome sin.

Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, 21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

This is the law of humility. In the Christian life, it's when I am weak, then am I strong.

1Cor. 1:26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

People who boast or stay frustrated don't get grace. God opposes the proud. The moment you fret, you fall down. The law of humility works day by day. God loves those who have surrendered themselves totally to the Lord, He watches over with a very jealous care that you don't lose grace. God is not so interested in health and money, as the truth. God is interested in us losing sin and getting grace in our life and ministry. God wants us to live such a useful life on earth. Where our life is saturated with the grace of God that we live in victory over sin, and lead others to victory over sin, that our ministry leads to people being delivered from sin, and our ministry leads to the building together of believers into the body of Christ.

That is God's will . He gives grace to the humble. That's why the Bible says, "Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God. What is this mighty hand of God? In Paul's case it was this thorn in the flesh. It was the mighty hand of God crushing Paul. It was to make him small and weak so that in his weakness God could manifest His strength. When God does something through a weak man like Paul, man can never boast about it as though HE had accomplished something for God. No, he was weak.

Whenever we think that we have accomplished something for God that shows we think we are strong.

God wants to give you victory with humility. The primary mark of genuine holiness is humility. A really holy man will be humble.

I humble my whole life unto His grace where sin does not rule over me.

Don't call sin by any other name. When you have fallen, say you have fallen. Humble yourself. Bow down and say, "Lord, I have fallen, forgive me for I believe you’re grace is sufficient to help me.

2Co 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Humble yourself through all the circumstances that God allows into your life. The difficult people that God allows into your life are like thorns in the flesh. Don't fight against those circumstances, don't fight against God. Say, "Lord, these are necessary for me to humble me. I go down under them, I accept them." One day you will find God exalt you above suffering as well as sin. It's up to us whether we get the benefit of this law of humility or whether we find God opposing us. Let's choose wisely.

Jas 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Jas 2:12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

1Peter 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Time for Submission Time to be subjected to each other

Time to be clothed with humility Time to humble ourselves being clothed with humility Time to humble ourselves under the Mighty hand of God

Time to cast all our care upon Him, all frustrations must be cast on Him. All humility must lead to prayer one for another. In due time God will exalt the humble over sin, sickness, self and answer the Prayer of the humble with sufficient Grace.