Casting All Our Care Upon Him

What do people worry about?

- Money, job. Lk.12:13
- Family. 2 Sm.13
- Health, looks, safety, dying. 2 Kings 20
- Friends. Ac.12
- Trials, persecution. Jn.20
- Soul, sins. Ps.51:11-12
- Covetousness. 1 Kings 21
- Many things. Lk.10

1 Peter 5:6-7 — structure

Casting: v.6 ends with comma...

- Verse 7 completes verse 6
- 6: humble yourselves (6 advances 5)
- 6: recognize your weakness, God's power
- 7: explains how we do it humility casts its care upon Him

Care: v.7

Implied question: 'Who will take care of me?'

1 Peter 5:7 – definitions

- Casting: transfer one's concerns, throw upon. Lk.19:35
 - Figuratively: to commit to in confidence
- Care: from 'divide'; worry divides heart into different parts, pulling us here and there
- Cares: we are an object of care His personal concern
 - Casting and caring go together.
 - Gn.22

I. Casting Our Care Upon Him

Does not say . . .

- Cast <u>some</u> care on Him.
- Expect God to take our care <u>without</u> asking Him. Mt.7:7-11
- Expect God to do it even if we don't <u>do</u> our part. Lk.2:48
- The <u>proud</u> and <u>disobedient</u> can claim this promise. Lk.18:13-14
- That giving Him our care <u>frees</u> us of problems
 - 1 Peter the *Job* of the New Testament

Worry implies lack of faith in God

- Mt.6:30 . . . *little faith*
 - Mk.4:38-40

Worry is completely forbidden

- 1 Pt.5:7, casting ALL . . .
- Ph.4:6, careful for NOTHING . . .
 but In EVERYTHING . . .
- Mt.6:25, do NOT worry (31, 34)

How to cast our care upon God?

- Psalm 55:22, cast your burden on the LORD and He will sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.
- Take God for His word trust Him.
 - Abraham, Ro.4:19-21
 - Caleb, Nu.13:30; 14:6-9

I. Casting Our Care Upon Him

II. How Do We Know It Will Work?

He cares for you

What does this imply?

- God knows all. Mt.10:29-30
- God either removes the problem or gives a greater blessing with it. 2 Co.12
- God has power to help us, 1 Pt.5:6.
 (Joseph...Esther...)
- God can see the end before it happens
 - Ac.27
 - Hb.13:5-6

Conclusion

- Times change ... but our God is unwavering
 - -Psalm 37:5-11
- Worry is unbelief and unproductive.