

Sermon Notes
Week of March 29, 2009
“Satan, Sifting & Saving Faith”
Luke 22:31-34

Peter is the _____ one who lapses into temporary unfaithfulness and is _____.

Judas reveals an _____ heart that will face _____ and woe.

Peter is confident he could never betray Jesus, while Jesus knows that Peter is like a piece of _____ at risk of being _____ in the cosmic struggle between Satan and God.

Guidelines for prayer from Lk. 22:31-34:

1. Even _____ prays in a sense. We need prayer to beat him (Ep. 6:10-20)
2. Christ prays for _____. (Ro. 8:34) *“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”* (Ro. 8:31)
3. Our intercession can _____ with Christ’s will for fellow believers to _____ Satan and _____ firmly. (I Th. 3:5, 9-13)
4. Be _____ in what Christ seeks for us in _____ - a ministry to establish other believers.

God will accomplish everything He purposes!

I Chr. 29:11-12
Ps. 115:3
Da. 4:35
Dt. 32:39
La. 3:37-38
Pr. 16:4
I Sa. 2:6-8
Am. 3:6
Is. 45:5

Jesus said that *“in this world you shall have tribulation, but I have overcome the world.”*

“God allows evil which means He ordains it into His plan without being responsible for it. He does so in order that through victory over evil, God can display the fullness of His attributes and receive glory for all that He is!”

God’s purposes can never be _____!

God’s will will never be _____!

“remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,’ calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.

~Isaiah 46:9-11

This incident (vv31-34) occurs in the _____.

A repeat of this incident occurs in the garden of _____ (Mt. 26:30-35; Mk. 14:26-31)

Satan _____ permission to sift like wheat.

Why does Satan have an interest in Peter?

The “you” here is _____.

Satan’s goal is to keep _____ from the _____.

Re. 12:10 tells us Satan _____ the _____ before God night and day!

Zechariah – Satan, the angel of the _____ (Christ), and _____ (Israel) are standing before God.

II Co. 12 – “Messenger of Satan” comes after Paul.

If it was up to us we would lose our _____.

Christ is our _____!

Notice I Peter – How many times Peter tries to strengthen others to be able to endure trials.

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Judas reveals an UNFAITHFUL heart that will face JUDGMENT and woe.

Peter is confident he could never betray Jesus, while Jesus knows that Peter is like a piece of GRAIN at risk of being CRUSHED in the cosmic struggle between Satan and God.

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1. Even SATAN prays in a sense. We need prayer to beat him (Ep. 6:10-20)
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3. Our intercession can BLEND with Christ’s will for fellow believers to OVERCOME Satan and STAND firmly. (I Th. 3:5, 9-13)
4. Be FAITHFUL in what Christ seeks for us in THIS LIFE NOW - a ministry to establish other believers.

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God’s purposes can never be THWARTED!

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“remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,’ calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.
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This incident (vv31-34) occurs in the UPPER ROOM.

A repeat of this incident occurs in the garden of GETHSEMANE. (Mt. 26:30-35; Mk. 14:26-31)

Satan DEMANDS permission to sift like wheat.

Why does Satan have an interest in Peter?

The “you” here is PLURAL.

Satan’s goal is to keep JESUS from the CROSS.

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Zechariah – Satan, the angel of the LORD (Christ), and JOSHUA (Israel) are standing before God.

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If it was up to us we would lose our SALVATION.

Christ is our SECURITY!

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