

The Temptation Of Peter

Luke 22:31-32

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but I made supplication for thee, that thy faith fail not; and do thou, when once thou hast turned again, establish thy brethren.”

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The Context – Luke 22

- Jesus institutes Lord’s Supper (verses 14-23)
- Dispute over who is greatest (verses 24-30; cf. Matthew 20:20ff)
- Told of Peter’s denial (verses 31-34)

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The Lord Knew Three Things About Peter ...

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1. He would be tempted.
2. He would yield to the temptation.
3. He would be restored.

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- Occupied a distinguished place among the disciples.
 - Mark 5:37 – With Jesus when the daughter of Jairus was healed.
 - Matthew 17:1 – With Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration.
 - Mark 13:3 – With Jesus on the Mount of Olives.
 - Matthew 26:37 – With Jesus in the Garden.

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- Impetuous – Quick to speak.
 - Matthew 15:15, *“Declare unto us the parable.”* (cf. verse 11)
 - Matthew 16:13-18, *“Who do men say that I am?”*
 - Matthew 16:21ff – Rebuked the Lord.
 - John. 13:6-9 – Foot washing.
 - Matthew 17:1-5 Mark 9:5-6; Luke 9:33 – Transfiguration.

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- Overconfident: *“I will never ...”*
 - Matthew 26:33, *“If all shall be offended in thee, I will never be offended.”*
 - Luke 22:33, *“And he said unto him, Lord, with thee I am ready to go both to prison and to death.”*

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Temptation and Tempter → “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan asked to have you, that he might sift you as wheat.”

To Be Done → “but I made supplication for thee, that thy faith fail not; and do thou, when once thou hast turned again, establish thy brethren.”

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Identified As Satan. Luke 22:31

- **He is real.**
 - Tempted Eve. Genesis 3:1-6
 - Tempted Jesus. Matthew 4
 - Peter learned, he is real. I Peter 5:8

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I. The Tempter

Identified As Satan. Luke 22:31

- He is real.
- **His character.**
 - Subtle. 2 Corinthians 11:3
 - Hates righteousness. I Peter 5:8
 - Murderer, liar, persevering. John 8:44
 - Successful. Matthew 7:13-14, 21-23


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- He is real.
- His character.
- **His purpose.**
 - “Satan asked to have you,
 - that he might sift you as wheat”

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 • **“Sift You”**

- “to sift, shake in a sieve” (Thayer)
- “Grain was agitated or shaken in a kind of fan or sieve. The grain remained in the fan, and the chaff and dust were thrown off. So Christ says that Satan desired to try Peter; to place trials and temptations before him; ‘to agitate him’ to see whether anything of faith would remain, or whether all would not be found to be chaff – mere natural order and false professions.” (Barnes)

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- He is real.
- Character.
- Purpose.
 - **Have you.** (verse 31)
 - **Sift you.** (verse 31)
 - **Devour you.** (1 Peter 5:8)

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Jesus Prayed For Peter and Told Him So

- That Peter's faith fail not. *"utterly fail."*
- Prayer / Intercession works.
James 5:17; cf. Nehemiah 1-2
- Jesus intercedes for us. Hebrews 7:25;
cf. Hebrews 4:14ff

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- **"Establish"** Strengthen the brethren.
"to make stable, place firmly, set fast, fix:
(Luke 16:26); to strengthen, make firm"
(Thayer)
 - By example. Acts 2, 3, 4, 5
 - By words, warning. 1 Peter 1:6-9, 5:8
 - By words of exhortation. Acts 2:40;
1 Peter 5:1
 - By praying for one another.
cf. Romans 1:8; Ephesians 6:18;
1 Thessalonians 5:25; 2 Thessalonians 3:1

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