

# SATAN HATH DESIRED TO HAVE YOU LUKE 22

Text: Luke 22:31

(Luke 22:31) "And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:"

Introduction:

When the Lord called Simon Peter to become a fisher of men, it shows that the Lord calls industrious people. While not many noble are called, not any lazy are called to labor in the Master's vineyard.

- We find Peter in the Gospel being: Tutored
- In the Book of Acts, we find him: Training
- In Peter's Epistles, we find him: Teaching

In Peter's tutoring stage, from Mark 8, we find Peter's great confession of Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior. Then in Mark 9, Peter is at the Mt. of Transfiguration, there we find him making mistakes concerning the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ is superior to everyone.

From this point Satan has a place to work:

## **1. SATAN'S DESIRE (VERSE 22)**

Probably the main reason for the Lord allowing Peter to enter into this kind of test is because Peter had too much confidence in himself. Remember too, anytime the Lord uses this type of repetition in addressing Peter as, "Simon, Simon", He certainly wanted Peter's undivided attention.

The word "desired" means to beg for something, to obtain by asking. Jesus pictured Satan as begging permission of God, as Satan knows that God is Superior.

(1 Pet 5:8) "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"

### **A. Permission**

Job 1:12 And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord. The type of test that Peter was going through has to be in comparison with Job 1:1-2:10, and with the Lord's permission and protection.

## B. Protection

1 Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. After all of his trials, Peter would write about the protection one enjoys from the Power of God.

The word devour also describes what the Red Sea did to the pursuing Egyptians (Hebrews 11:29). Satan wants to completely drown or swallow up our testimony.

## **2. SATAN'S DESIGN (SIFT YOU AS WHEAT)**

The word "sift" means to shake, to sift in a sieve in order to separate the good grain from the chaff.

One reason Satan wanted Peter, is because Peter seemed to be the leader of the group.

Satan worked on Peter by getting him to make some boisterous statements, John 13:37 Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake., and losing his temper.

This kind of activity will:

- Forms a basis for Satan to work.
- Falsifies your testimony
- Fractures your fellowship

- Fortifies your respect of self and others.
- Festers your personality
- Foretells of an inward need

### **3. SATANS DEFEAT (VERSE 32)**

Our duty is to

- Commit and Submit To Christ
- Pray In Christ and
- Resist the devil.

#### A. Resist

(James 4:7-8) "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. {8} Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded."

## B. Recapturing

(Luke 22:61) "And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice."

## C. Remorse

(Luke 22:62) "And Peter went out, and wept bitterly."