

The Temptation Of Peter

Luke 22:31-32

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The Context Luke 22

- Jesus institutes L.S. (verses 14-23)
- Dispute over who is greatest (verses 24-30; cf. Matthew 20:20ff)
- Predicts Peter's denial (verses 31-34)

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 Matthew of Transfiguration.
 - Mark 13:3 With Jesus on Matthew 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."*
 - Matthew 16:13-18 *"Who do men say that I am?"*
 - Matthew 16:21ff Rebuked the Lord.
 - John 13:6-9 Foot washing.

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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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- 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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- 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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- **“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 & 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 4:14-16

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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 of 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