



WE HAVE AN INTERCESSOR

Luke 22:31-32

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Introduction:

We all go through seasons where our faith or confidence in Christ and His power is tested. While the book of James encourages us to embrace these trials with joy because of the outcome—increased spiritual endurance. However, many times we struggle to view these seasons positively. In order to help our perspective, let's consider the interaction between Christ and Peter before he faced a trial of faith and be encouraged by Christ's faithful intercession on Peter's behalf.

1. Satan's _____ (31)

A. A Request to _____ (31a)

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

DEFINITION—HATH DESIRED TO HAVE YOU: to ask demanding an affirmative response {Aorist, Active, Indicative}

Satan can make demands, but God has the final say.

Job 2:6 And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.

B. A Request to _____ (31b)

Luke 22:31 ...that he may sift you as wheat:

DEFINITION—SIFT: to sift v. — to separate by passing through a sieve; to break apart; separate

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

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

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Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Matthew 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

2. Our Savior's _____ (32a)

A. _____, not Critical

Luke 22:32 But I have prayed for thee...

PRAYER — intercession

THEE = _____

Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

B. _____, not General

Luke 22:32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not:

FAITH — trust; strong confidence

DEFINITION—FAIL NOT: prove undependable to; to have a state or process cease (Eclipse)

3. Our Savior's _____ (32)

A. You will _____ (32b)

Luke 22:32 ...and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

DEFINITION—CONVERTED: revert; restored; revived, renewed; return

QUOTE: God has not brought you this far to bring you this far.

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Romans 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

2 Corinthians 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

B. You have a _____ (32c)

Luke 22:32 ...strengthen thy brethren.

DEFINITION—STRENGTHEN: to confirm (strengthen) v. — to make more marked by firm determination or resolution.

THY BRETHREN — other disciples; body of Christ

Acts 1:15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

Acts 9:32 And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda.

1 Peter 1:1–2 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

2 Peter 1:1–2 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: 2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

1 Timothy 1:4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

Satan questions, sifts and breaks down, we have been called to encourage, edify and build up.

Conclusion

Jesus Prays

(Lk 3:21-22) At His Baptism.

(Mk 1:35-36) In the morning before heading to Galilee.

(Lk 5:16) After healing people.

(Lk 6:12-13) Praying all night before choosing His 12 disciples.

(Mt 11:25-26) While speaking to the Jewish leaders.

(Jn 6:11) Giving thanks to the Father before feeding 5000.

(Also see: Mt 14:19, Mk 6:41, Lk 9:16)

(Mt 14:23) Before walking on water.

(Also see: Mk 6:46, Jn 6:15)

(Mk 7:31-37) While healing a deaf and mute man.

(Mt 15:36) Giving thanks to the Father before feeding 4000.

(Also see: Mk 8:6-7)

(Lk 9:18) Before Peter called Jesus “the Christ.”

(Lk 9:28-29) At the Transfiguration.

(Lk 10:21) At the return of the seventy.

(Lk 11:1) Before teaching His disciples the Lord’s Prayer.

(Jn 11:41-42) Before raising Lazarus from the dead.

(Mt 19:13-15) Laying hands on and praying for little children.

(Also see: Mk 10:13-16, Lk 18:15-17)

(Jn 12:27-28) Asking the Father to glorify His name.

(Mt 26:26) At the Lord’s Supper.

(Also see: Mk 14:22-23, Lk 22:19)

(Lk 22:31-32) Prayed for Peter’s faith when Satan asked to “sift” him.

(Jn 17:1-26) Prayed for Himself, His disciples, and all believers just before heading to Gethsemane.

(Mt 26:36-46) In Gethsemane before His betrayal. (He prayed 3 separate prayers.)

(Also see: Lk 22:39-46, Mk 14:32-42)

(Lk 23:34) Right after being nailed to the cross, Jesus prayed, “Father forgive them; for they know not what they do.”

(Mt 27:46) While dying on the cross, Jesus cried out, “My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?”

(Also see: Mk 15:34)

(Lk 23:46) In His dying breath, Jesus prayed, “Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.”

(Lk 24:30) Prayed a blessing on the bread before He ate with others after His resurrection.

(Lk 24:50-53) He blessed the disciples before His Ascension.

