

Sifted But Saved - Satan's Sifting of the Saints

I Satan's Desire - cf 1 Pet 5 - Seeking whom he may devour
1- Simon Simon, desires all you
2- no sift as wheat - a compliment

Note: X from
Be wiser, get prayin
for Simon!

II- X's Protection = must ask permission - Job

III- X's Permission The context: arguing over who would be greatest in kingdom?
he need sifting - Satan's desire was that no wheat would remain, but X's desire was that no chaff would remain.
1- it is for me good
2- it is for others good "strengthen thy brethren" Joseph - son of Jacob - "ye meant evil me but God meant it for good"

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IV X's Prayer ^{But} I have prayed for thee
Personal & individual "Thee"

I may not be able to find the explanation of my suffering in my own life — The reason may be found in the lives of others

the flowers may not grow in my garden, the mine may be deposited to another account we always expect to find the fruit growing in our life — the branch may be found in another's life.

James 5: "If ye have heard the gathering of Job, but you would never had heard of it if Satan had not tempted

what was sifted out? The chaff of pride / presumption

to another account

X prayed before he tried his offer never was assured that

- 1- Peter's fall - fact that strength & love can fail
- 2- Peter seeing the leader
- 3- Satan's desire
- 4- under X's authority
- 5- X gives permission
- 6- The Suffering
 - (1) for us
 - (2) for others
- 7- X's intrusion

~~Sifting~~

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Luke 22:31, 32

The Sifting of the Saints

Enlightening & Encouraging

Intro: Two great truths: ① The sincerest love, the truest desire to follow Jesus may be overborne & the whole set of life contradicted for a time.

"a man may love music & be a poor musician."

② The greatest fall may be recovered

X warns Simon of Satan's intent = Serious - Simon, Simon: repented,
& use of that name instead of Peter - denote him won't X, his
natural weakness

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To sift hairs, till nothing
but stabb - now we are
all like Judas

I- Satan Desires the Believer - 1 Peter 5- walketh about seeking whom he may devour? It = from walking too far in the face of the earth - Hasn't man considered it? His answer were he had known all about him, had a file on him - knew about the Judge & not a hole in it — Satan stalks before he leaps

- He is watching & waiting for an opportunity, a vulnerable spot - Ex 4:27 - "neither give place to the devil" "we are not ignorant of his strategies"

1- He strikes at crisis moments - He kicks us when we're down from facing the error ^① To cripple us & make us indecisive for the crisis

2- He strikes at our strength/which is really our weakness - it is unguarded because we think it is secure

① - Peter's pride & presumption - "I'll follow you to the death" "Thought he was more courageous than the rest"

② - The preceding argument ~~for~~ about who was the greatest gave him a foothold : there was a tear in the fabric of their fellowship

3- He ~~strikes~~ ^① at strategic people : Simon was the leader & would greatly influence the rest.

② In a way it was an compliment to Peter - "The Devil never fathers me." No need to - you're exactly where he wants - Never rob an empty tank, attack an unoccupied fort.

③ Satan is an opportunist - the moment the argument broke out, he seized the opportunity.

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II Satan Can't Touch us w/out Divine Permission -

1. desired = means to obtain by asking permission - it means to beg earnestly.
2. Job again illustrates the point - Job 1:10-12 - D allowed & regulated Satan.
3. Satan doesn't have unlimited freedom & access to us - He must always submit to the overriding & permissive authority of the Lord.

"Satan hath obtained you by asking" — but he had to ask!

Sifted by X's Protection
Sifted w/ X's Permission
Sifted under X's Protection

III Divine Permission Is Given!

- * Desire in the serpent implies success in the demand. By X it is made it is clear that permission was granted to Satan. Why?

- 1- Because we need sifting. It is for our good
 - ① Sift - the process of separating the wheat from the chaff -
 - ② Sifting is necessary to wheat. Why does wheat have to be sifted? Because it is wheat - To separate the good from the bad. It is the nature of wheat to be sifted - requires sifting.
 - ③ Satan was to sift so that no wheat would remain - to take out whatever was good. But X's desire was that no chaff remain.
as a beautiful demonstrating & working all things together for our good. Satan was intent on ruining them but these very temptations worked together for their good.
Ex Joseph in Gen 50 - "You meant evil to me for evil, but I meant it for good."
 - ④ Sifted out the chaff of pride, presumption, self-assurance.

- 2- It is for the good of others - "Strengthen thy brother" He will be qualified to minister to others. Cf 1 Peter 5:5-11
Joseph - Gen 45:7; Gen 50:20 = & made him a source of life to others.
 - ① You may not be able to find the explanation of your suffering in your own life - it may be found & in the life of another. The flowers may not grow in your own garden but in the garden of another. The wealth earned by your sufferings may be deposited in another's account. The benefit may go to another.