

SERMON NOTES

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MESSAGE: SATAN DESIRES TO SIFT YOU

1. **Satan Desires** - Luke 22:31-34; Mark 14:29-30; Matthew 16:16, 22-23

- Satan seeks to weaken believers spiritually.
- Peter was confident in himself, yet Jesus knew his coming failure.
- Even after great revelation, believers must remain humble and watchful.
- Satan often attacks after moments of spiritual victory.

2. **Sift You** - Amos 9:9; John 4:35

- Sifting separates the useful grain from impurities.
- God allows testing to reveal and refine true faith.
- Trials expose what is in the heart and prepare believers for greater usefulness.

3. **Satan the Accuser** - Zechariah 3:1; 1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 12:10

- Satan stands against believers as an accuser.
- He seeks to discourage, tempt, and destroy faith.
- Christians must remain spiritually alert and resist the enemy through faith in Christ.

4. **Sifting of the Saints** - Job 1:1, 11

- Job experienced severe testing though he was righteous before God.
- Trials are not always punishment; sometimes they are part of God's refining process.
- God remains sovereign even during suffering.

5. **Trial of Faith** - Romans 8:28-29; 1 Peter 1:7; James 1:2-3

- Trials develop patience, endurance, and spiritual maturity.
- Faith tested by fire becomes precious and genuine.
- God works all things together for the good of those who love Him.

6. **Our Lord Prays for Us** - Luke 22:32; Hebrews 7:25

- Jesus prayed specifically for Peter that his faith would not fail.
- Christ continues to intercede for believers today.
- Even when believers stumble, the Lord remains faithful.

7. **Strengthen Others** - Luke 22:32; Proverbs 24:16; 2 Corinthians 1:4

- After restoration, Peter was called to strengthen others.
- God comforts believers so they can comfort those in trouble.
- Failures and trials can become testimonies that encourage others.