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### **INTRODUCTION**

**MAKE NO MISTAKE TODAY, THAT YOUR LIFE IS ON THE LIST OF LIVES THAT SATAN HAS IN MIND TO DESTROY.**

**NOT JUST OUR LIVES, BUT LIVES OF ALL THE PEOPLE AROUND US.**

**HE IS CONSTANTLY AT WORK, PLOTTING TO DESTROY EVERYTHING WE LOVE AND CHERISH.**

**THEREFORE, IT IS ONLY FITTING THAT JESUS DECLARED IN JOHN 10:10 THAT HIS PURPOSE WAS TO KILL, STEAL AND DESTROY.**

**I NEED YOU TO UNDERSTAND TODAY THAT SATAN HAS HIS EYES ON YOU!**

- 1. HE HAS HIS EYE ON YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD,**
- 2. HE HAS HIS EYE ON YOU BECAUSE HE KNOWS THAT GOD LOVES YOU,**
- 3. HE HAS HIS EYE ON YOU BECAUSE YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST IS A THREAT TO HIS PLANS,**
- 4. HE HAS HIS EYE ON YOU BECAUSE HE KNOWS HE'S GOING TO HELL AND HE WANTS YOU TO GO WITH HIM.**
- 5. HE HAS HIS EYE ON YOUR FINANCES,**
- 6. HE HAS HIS EYE ON YOUR HAPPINESS,**
- 7. HE HAS HIS EYE ON YOUR FAMILY,**
- 8. AND HE HAS HIS EYE ON YOU.**

SO, KNOWING THAT SATAN DOESN'T CARE FOR YOU; KNOWING THAT HE WANTS TO SEE YOU DEPRESSED, OPPRESSED, PRESSED DOWN, AND ANY OTHER TYPE OF "PRESSED" THAT YOU CAN IMAGINE, THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU AND I NEED TO UNDERSTAND.

**I. THE FIRST THING WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND IS THAT CHRIST IS WARNING US OF THE GREAT TEMPTATIONS OF SATAN.**

- TEMPTATIONS ARE DEVICES OF SATAN TO CAUSE US TO SIN AGAINST GOD, AND BREAK THE PERFECT FELLOWSHIP THAT WE HAVE WITH HIM.
- SATAN WANTS TO SEE US DISOBEY GOD SO THAT WE WILL HIDE FROM HIM RATHER THAN COME BOLDLY BEFORE HIS PRESENCE.

**A. "HE HATH DESIRED".**

1. THE WORD DESIRED IN VERSE 31 DEALS WITH THE IDEA OF BEGGING OR MAKING A REQUEST OF SOMEONE.
2. JESUS PICTURED SATAN AS BEGGING PERMISSION OF GOD TO TRIP THE DISCIPLES.
3. IT IS THE SAME PICTURE THAT IS FOUND IN JOB [JOB 1:6]. "*6NOW THERE WAS A DAY WHEN THE SONS OF GOD CAME TO PRESENT THEMSELVES BEFORE THE LORD, AND SATAN CAME ALSO AMONG THEM.*"

**B. THE BIBLE IS CLEAR IN ITS TEACHING: GOD IS SUPREME;**

1. ANYTHING THAT GOES ON IN THE UNIVERSE GOES ON BECAUSE GOD ALLOWS IT, EVEN TEMPTATION.

2. **SO WE MUST BE CAREFUL IN HOW WE CONDUCT OURSELVES, BECAUSE, IF SATAN ALREADY DESIRES TO SIFT US, THEN OUR ACTIONS SHOULDN'T MAKE HIS JOB EASIER BUT MORE DIFFICULT.**

**C. WE MUST REMEMBER THE WARNING THAT CHRIST DECLARES TO ALL BELIEVERS, BE ON YOUR GUARD AT ALL TIMES BECAUSE SATAN HAS HIS EYE ON YOU.**

## **II. THE NEXT POINT I WANT TO MAKE IS THAT WE ARE ALL ON THE LIST.**

**A. NONE OF US ARE TOO GOOD FOR SATAN NOT TO COME AFTER.**

- a. **JESUS IN THIS SCRIPTURE MAKES REFERENCE TO THE NAME OF PETER.**
- b. **BUT THE WORD "YOU" IS MAKING REFERENCE TO ALL THE DISCIPLES.**
- c. **EVEN THOUGH PETER'S NAME IS MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY, CHRIST IS WARNING ALL HIS DISCIPLES. AND HE IS WARNING ALL OF US!**

**B. SATAN HAS HIS EYE ON YOU!**

1. **EVEN THOUGH YOU TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL, SATAN HAS HIS EYE ON YOU,**
2. **YOU MAY COME TO BIBLE STUDY, BUT HE HAS HIS EYE ON YOU,**
3. **YOU MAY READ THE BIBLE FROM COVER TO COVER, FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END, FROM GENESIS TO REVELATIONS; HE HAS HIS EYE ON YOU. WHY?**

C. **“HE WANTS TO SIFT YOU.....”**

1. THE WORD “SIFT” MEANS TO SHAKE, TO SIFT IN A SIEVE IN ORDER TO SEPARATE THE GOOD GRAIN FROM THE CHAFF.
2. THE PICTURE IS THAT SATAN WISHED:
  - TO SIFT AND SHAKE THE DISCIPLES.
  - TO TEST AND TRY THEM.
  - TO PROVE THEY WERE NOT GENUINE.
  - TO CUT THE HEART OF GOD BY SHOWING THEY WERE NOT GENUINE.
  - TO DISGRACE GOD BY PROVING THEIR DISLOYALTY.

D. **SATAN’S PRIMARY PURPOSE IN TEMPTATION IS TO DISGRACE AND CUT THE HEART OF GOD.**

1. HE DOES THIS BY CHALLENGING GOD TO REMOVE THE *SENSE* OF HIS PRESENCE AND HIS BLESSINGS FROM THE BELIEVER.
2. SATAN FEELS THAT THE BELIEVER WILL FALL AND TURN FROM GOD.
3. HE SUGGESTS TO GOD THAT THE BELIEVER WILL NOT STAND BY FAITH THROUGH TRIAL AFTER TRIAL, NOT WITHOUT THE EVIDENCE OF SOME *PHYSICAL* OR *MATERIAL* BLESSING.
4. HIS SUGGESTION SEEMS TO BE THAT THE BELIEVER LOVES GOD, NOT FOR HIMSELF, NOT BECAUSE OF WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE FOR HIM, BUT BECAUSE OF WHAT HE GETS OUT OF GOD. [CP. JOB 1:6-12.] “***NOW THERE WAS A DAY WHEN THE SONS OF GOD CAME TO PRESENT THEMSELVES BEFORE THE LORD,***”

**AND SATAN CAME ALSO AMONG THEM. <sup>7</sup>AND THE LORD SAID UNTO SATAN, WHENCE COMEST THOU? THEN SATAN ANSWERED THE LORD, AND SAID, FROM GOING TO AND FRO IN THE EARTH, AND FROM WALKING UP AND DOWN IN IT. <sup>8</sup>AND THE LORD SAID UNTO SATAN, HAST THOU CONSIDERED MY SERVANT JOB, THAT THERE IS NONE LIKE HIM IN THE EARTH, A PERFECT AND AN UPRIGHT MAN, ONE THAT FEARETH GOD, AND ESCHEWETH EVIL? <sup>9</sup>THEN SATAN ANSWERED THE LORD, AND SAID, DOOTH JOB FEAR GOD FOR NOUGHT? <sup>10</sup>HAST NOT THOU MADE AN HEDGE ABOUT HIM, AND ABOUT HIS HOUSE, AND ABOUT ALL THAT HE HATH ON EVERY SIDE? THOU HAST BLESSED THE WORK OF HIS HANDS, AND HIS SUBSTANCE IS INCREASED IN THE LAND. <sup>11</sup>BUT PUT FORTH THINE HAND NOW, AND TOUCH ALL THAT HE HATH, AND HE WILL CURSE THEE TO THY FACE. <sup>12</sup>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.**

**E. THE PRESENCE OF JESUS WAS ABOUT TO BE REMOVED FROM THE DISCIPLES.**

- 1. HE WAS ABOUT TO DIE. AND THE DISCIPLES WERE THINKING IN TERMS OF A PHYSICAL KINGDOM AND MATERIAL REWARDS.**
  - a. [LUKE 22:24-30] <sup>24</sup>AND THERE WAS ALSO A STRIFE AMONG THEM, WHICH OF THEM SHOULD BE ACCOUNTED THE GREATEST. <sup>25</sup>AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, THE KINGS OF THE GENTILES EXERCISE LORDSHIP OVER THEM; AND THEY THAT EXERCISE AUTHORITY UPON THEM ARE CALLED**

**BENEFACTORS. <sup>26</sup>BUT YE SHALL NOT BE SO: BUT HE THAT IS GREATEST AMONG YOU, LET HIM BE AS THE YOUNGER; AND HE THAT IS CHIEF, AS HE THAT DOTHSERVE. <sup>27</sup>FOR WHETHER IS GREATER, HE THAT SITTETH AT MEAT, OR HE THAT SERVETH? IS NOT HE THAT SITTETH AT MEAT? BUT I AM AMONG YOU AS HE THAT SERVETH. <sup>28</sup>YE ARE THEY WHICH HAVE CONTINUED WITH ME IN MY TEMPTATIONS. <sup>29</sup>AND I APPOINT UNTO YOU A KINGDOM, AS MY FATHER HATH APPOINTED UNTO ME; <sup>30</sup>THAT YE MAY EAT AND DRINK AT MY TABLE IN MY KINGDOM, AND SIT ON THRONES JUDGING THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL.”**

**F. THEY DID, OF COURSE, FAIL IN THE TRIAL HOWEVER, WE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER THEY DID NOT YET KNOW THE FULL MEANING OF THE CROSS AND RESURRECTION.**

1. THEY WERE LIVING THROUGH THE EVENTS WHILE WE LOOK BACK UPON THEM; WE HAVE COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT TOOK PLACE,
2. THEIR LOVE AND DEVOTION FOR JESUS RAN DEEP. THEY DID REPENT, RETURNING AND COMMITTING THEIR LIVES FULLY TO HIM.

**G. WHEN FAILING AND FALLING UNDER SATAN’S ATTACK, JESUS WANTED PETER TO KNOW THREE THINGS.**

1. JESUS IS THE BELIEVER’S INTERCESSOR.
2. HE WAS PETER’S ADVOCATE BEFORE GOD.

3. HE HAD PRAYED THAT PETER'S FAITH WOULD NOT FAIL.
4. THIS MEANS JESUS PRAYED THAT PETER WOULD NOT *PERMANENTLY FALL*,
5. JESUS PRAYED THAT PETER'S FAITH WOULD NOT *TOTALLY FAIL AND BE ABSOLUTELY RUINED*,
6. HE PRAYED THAT PETER WOULD NOT MAKE A *FINAL AND LASTING DENIAL* OF JESUS.
7. PETER AND THE OTHERS WOULD STUMBLE AND FALL, BUT JESUS PRAYED THAT THEY WOULD:
  - NOT REMAIN DOWN.
  - NOT STAY IN SIN.
  - NOT MAKE A FINAL AND LASTING REJECTION.
  - NOT DESERT FOREVER.
8. JESUS PRAYED THAT THEY WOULD BE KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD AND NOT BE PLUCKED OUT OF GOD'S HAND.
  - a. [JOHN 10:29]; *<sup>29</sup>"MY FATHER, WHICH GAVE THEM ME, IS GREATER THAN ALL; AND NO MAN IS ABLE TO PLUCK THEM OUT OF MY FATHER'S HAND."*
  - b. [1 PETER 1:5.] *"WHO ARE KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD THROUGH FAITH UNTO SALVATION READY TO BE REVEALED IN THE LAST TIME."*

**H. THE BELIEVER IS TO TURN BACK TO GOD AFTER FALLING.**

1. THE WORD “CONVERTED” MEANS TO TURN AROUND, TO TURN BACK TO, TO TURN AGAIN.
  2. THE BELIEVER IS TO REPENT, TURN BACK TO GOD.
- I. **THE BELIEVER IS TO STRENGTHEN HIS BROTHERS ONCE HE HAS RETURNED TO GOD.**
1. THE BELIEVER IS TO TAKE WHAT HE HAS LEARNED FROM FALLING AND:
    - TEACH OTHERS HOW TO FIND THE MERCY OF GOD.
    - HELP OTHERS WHO HAVE FALLEN TO RETURN.
    - STRENGTHEN THE FAITH OF OTHERS TO KEEP THEM FROM FALLING.

### **CONCLUSION:**

#### **SO WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN SATAN HAS HIS EYES ON YOU?**

- A. **FIRST OF ALL YOU HAVE TO LEARN TO GET CLOSER TO GOD.**
1. JAMES 4:8 TELLS US TO “DRAW NIGH TO GOD, AND HE WILL DRAW NIGH TO YOU.”
  2. WE HAVE TO GET CLOSE TO GOD, BECAUSE HE IS THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN PROTECT US FROM THE ATTACKS OF SATAN,
  3. THE CLOSER WE GET, THE BETTER OFF WE ARE.

4. **YOU HAVE TO DECLARE WHAT THE SONGWRITER SAID, “DRAW ME NEARER, NEAR OH PRECIOUS LORD,**

**“FATHER I STRETCH MY HAND TO THEE, NO OTHER HELP I KNOW, IF THOU SHALL WITHDRAW THYSELF FROM ME, WHITHER SHALL I GO.”**

5. **THE CLOSER YOU ARE TO JESUS, THE MORE PROTECTION YOU WILL POSSESS.**

**FOR JESUS DECLARED THAT SATAN DESIRES TO SIFT US, BUT HE SAID IN HIS WORD, I HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU, AND BECAUSE HE PRAYED FOR ME:**

1. **I MAY BE TROUBLED ON EVERY SIDE, YET NOT DISTRESSED;**
2. **I MAY BE PERPLEXED, BUT NOT IN DESPAIR,**
3. **I MAY BE PERSECUTED, BUT NOT FORSAKEN,**
4. **I MAY BE CAST DOWN, BUT NOT DESTROYED,**

**B. NOT ONLY DO YOU HAVE TO DRAW CLOSER TO GOD, BUT YOU HAVE TO STAND FIRM ON HIS WORD.**

1. **AND THE REASON WHY YOU STAND ON HIS WORD, BECAUSE HE IS THE WORD.**
  - a. **[ JOHN 1:1] “SAYS, “IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD AND THE WORD WAS GOD.... AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, AND DWELT AMONG US, AND WE BEHELD HIS GLORY THE GLORY AS OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH”.**
2. **FOR HIS WORD CAN BRING EASE TO MY TROUBLED MIND,**

3. **HIS WORD BRINGS JOY IN THE MIDST OF SORROW,**
4. **HIS WORD CAN WIPE THE TEARS FROM MY EYES**
5. **FAITH IN GOD’S WORD ASSURES ME OF THE MANY PROMISES HE MADE TO ME...**

**(STORY OF MY E-MAIL)**

**C. I’VE COME TO TELL YOU THAT WHEN SATAN HAS HIS EYES ON YOU, YOU’VE GOT ‘WORD’.**

6. **WHEN SATAN BEGINS TO ATTACK, GOD’S WORD TELLS ME THAT HE’S GOT MY BACK...*”FOR NO WEAPON FORMED AGAINST ME SHALL PROSPER”.***
7. **WHEN I NEED HELP HIS WORD TELLS ME...*”LIFT MINE EYES UNTO THE HILLS, FOR MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD”.***
8. **WHEN I AM SEARCHING FOR PEACE HIS WORD TELLS ME...*”HELL KEEP ME IN PERFECT PEACE IF I KEEP MY MIND STAYED ON HIM”.***
9. **WHEN I AM IN NEED OF CONSOLATION HIS WORD TELLS ME...*”HE IS A WONDERFUL COUNSELOR”.***
10. **WHEN I SUFFER FROM A THORN IN MY FLESH GOD’S WORD TELLS ME...*”HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR ME AND MY STRENGTH IS MADE PERFECT IN MY WEAKNESS”.***
11. **SATAN HAD HIS EYES ON PETER AND THE OTHER DISCIPLES. PETER FAILED THE TASK OF FOLLOWING JESUS.**
12. **BUT THE PRAYERS OF JESUS SUSTAINED PETER IN HIS FAILURES.**

**D. SO WHEN SATAN HAS HIS EYES ON YOU, HOLD ON TO  
GOD'S UNCHANGING HAND,**

- 1. HOLD ON TO GOD'S UNCHANGING GRACE,**
- 2. HOLD ON TO GOD'S UNCHANGING MERCY,**
- 3. HOLD ON TO GOD'S UNCHANGING WORD,**
- 4. HOLD ON TO GOD'S UNCHANGING POWER,**
- 5. HOLD ON TO GOD'S UNCHANGING LOVE;**

**“I WAS SINKING DEEP IN SIN, FAR FROM THE  
PEACEFUL SHORE,  
VERY DEEPLY STAINED WITHIN, SINKING TO RISE  
NO MORE  
BUT THE MASTER OF THE SEA, HEARD MY  
DESPAIRING CRY,  
FROM THE WATERS LIFTED ME, NOW  
SAFE AM I”**

**LOVE WENT TO THE CROSS .....**