

Sunday, March 6, 2022
Luke 22:31–34, 54–62
Peter's Denial, Our Denial?

- I. Peter's Denial Prophesied Lk. 22:31–38
 - A. Christ Prophesied Peter's Denial
 - 1. Jesus Warned of Peter's Dangerous Temptation Lk. 22:31; Jn. 16:11; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:2; 2 Cor. 4:4; 2 Tim. 2:25, 26; Lk. 13:16; Lk. 11:18; Lk. 22:3; Job 1:19
 - 2. Jesus Prophesied of Peter's Three Denials Lk. 22:34; 1 Pet. 5:8
 - B. Christ Prophesied Peter's Restoration and Perseverance Lk. 22:32
 - 1. The Comfort That Christ's Prayers Are Personal Lk. 22:31–32; 1 Jn. 2:1–2
 - 2. The Comfort That Christ's Prayers Are Effectual Jn. 10:27–30
- II. Peter's Denial Recorded Lk. 22:54–62
 - A. Peter's First Denial Lk. 22:56–57; Jn. 18:15–18
 - B. Peter's Second and Third Denials Lk. 22:58–60; Jn. 18:19–27
 - C. Peter's Weeping from Christ's Look Lk. 22:61–62 (Matt. 26:74–75)
- III. Peter's Denial Contrasted
 - A. Peter's Temptation Is Contrasted to Judas Matt. 27:3
 - B. Peter's Temptation Is Contrasted to Christ
 - 1. To Underscore the Fortitude of Christ
 - 2. To Underscore the Sovereignty of Christ
 - 3. To Underscore the Solitude of Christ
- IV. Peter's Denial Illustrated
 - A. If Peter Fell— We All Can Fall
 - 1. If Peter Fell Even with His Courage Lk. 22:37; Matt. 26:33; Jn. 13:37
 - 2. If Peter Fell Even with His Love
 - 3. If Peter Fell Even with His Confession
Matt. 16:16; Jn. 6:68; Jn. 15:5; 2 Cor. 12:10; 1 Cor. 10:12
 - B. If Peter Was Restored— We All Can Be Restored
Lk. 24:34; 1 Cor. 15; Mk. 16:7; Jn. 20:15f

Quotes

“The fact that Satan and his forces have such power in the world should give a seriousness to our lives which unbelievers don't have. It ought to make us sober and diligent in our prayers and more conscious of needing God's power. When the enemy is supernatural, so must the weapons be.”
Piper

“The continued existence of grace in a believer's heart is a great standing miracle. His enemies are so mighty, and his strength is so small, the world is so full of snares, and his heart is so weak, that it seems at first sight impossible for him to reach heaven. The passage before us explains his safety. He has a mighty Friend at the right hand of God.”
J C Ryle

“As our Savior was being tried and preparing to bear the sins of us all on the cross, He had time to give one glance to a faltering disciple and so save his soul in the saving of the world.”
B.B. Warfield

“The tremendous thing about Peter was that his failure was a failure that could only have happened to a man of superlative courage. True, Peter failed; but he failed in a situation which none of the other disciples even dared to fare. He failed, not because he was a coward, but because he was a brave man.”¹
Barclay

“We should never think that we are beyond the reach of any particular sin, or that we can withstand temptation by our own virtue.”
Ryken

“The best and highest saint is a poor weak creature, even at his best times. Whether he knows it or not, he carries within him an almost boundless capacity of wickedness, however fair and decent his outward conduct may seem. There is no enormity of sin into which he may not run, if he does not watch and pray, and if the grace of God does not hold him up. When we read the fall of Peter, we only read what might possibly befall any of ourselves. Let us never presume. Let us never indulge in high thoughts about our own strength.”
J C Ryle

“I am like Peter in his inexcusable weakness, and you are too. There is no use denying it. But I want to be like Peter as well, and I'm sure you do too. If I must have his sin as I must, I want his bitter tears and I want his forgiveness; I want his life, growing in holiness as it did to the very end; and I want his end.”
Rayburn

“Though our feelings come and go, Christ's love for us does not. It is not wearied by our sins, or our indifference; and, therefore, it is quite relentless in its determination that we shall be cured of those sins, at whatever cost to us, at whatever cost to Him.”
C S Lewis

“Every need of the believer and every grace requisite to consummate his redemption are brought within the scope of Christ's intercession.”
John Murray

“Our Lord's intercession at the Father's right hand is the crowning glory of His priestly functions. Without this, all His priestly devotion in life and death would be without avail.”
Henry de Vries

“Hold your ground! “Hold your ground! Sons of Gondor, of Rohan. My brothers. I see in your eyes the same fear that would take the heart of me! A day may come, when the courage of men fails, when we forsake our friends and break all bonds of Fellowship, but it is not this day! An hour of wolves and shattered shields when the age of men comes crashing down! But it is not this day! That day we fight! By all that you hold dear on this good earth, I bid you, stand, men of the West!”
Aragorn's speech, in *Return of the Kings*

“We can be weakened in our ability to handle temptations if we think that feeling tempted is a sign that our faith is false, our situation is abnormal, our soul is warped, or our compulsions are unrestrainable. Satan wants us to believe such lies, because if we believe that we are special cases, then we have a ready excuse to yield to temptation with the rationalization that no one else has to face what we face. . . In knowing that I am not alone, I find that I can be more honest about what is in my heart and more willing to identify the wrong of which I must repent.”
Bryan Chapell in *Holiness by Grace*