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Rehoboth New Life
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“Sift you as wheat”

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



Sifting is a test



- Sifting separates the wheat from the chaff
- The harvested stalks are tossed in the air on a high place
- But first you have to thresh(beat) the stalks

Why do we need testing?



- 1. For us to know ourselves
 - To see that we are inadequate in ourselves and can never by the flesh alone, attain perfection
- *John 13:37 Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake.*

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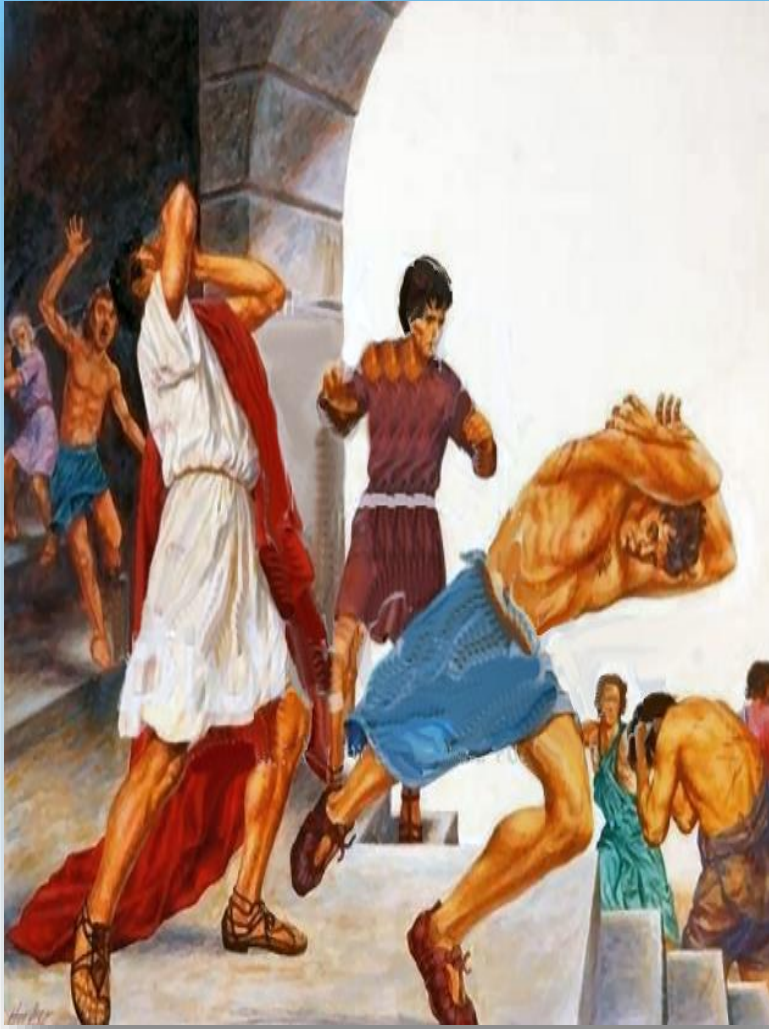
- 1. For God to know us
 - God gave us sovereignty. A free will.
- Genesis 22:12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: *for now I know* that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

We are called to be Sons of God!

- 1 John 3:1 ¶Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be **called the sons of God**: therefore the world **knoweth us not**, because it knew him not.



Who are you?



- Acts 19:15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; *but who are ye?*
- 16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

The Sonship test!



- Luke 4:1 ¶ And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,
- 2 *Being forty days tempted of the devil.* And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.
- 3 And the devil said unto him, *If thou be the Son of God,* command this stone that it be made bread.

The Accuser wants to test your Son ship!



- Zechariah 3:1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him.

4. Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. 4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat (NIV)



- Job 1:11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.
- 12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, ***all that he hath is (already) in thy power***; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

*God allows Satan (unknowingly to Satan)
to further his plans!*

- Isaiah 10:5 ¶O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.
- 6 I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

Using the enemy!



- John 13:27 And after the sop Satan entered into him. *Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.*
- Acts 4:27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,
- 28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

Why did God use Satan ?



- Because until Jesus came Dominion belonged to Him
 - Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:
 - John 14:30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

The accusation fails

- John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.
- Satan No longer has Jurisdiction over this world!
- Romans 8:33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

That your faith fail not!

- Luke 22:32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.



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The end of the matter



- 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.*

Pray



- Jude 1:24 Now unto *him that is able to keep you from falling*, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,
- 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.