

The sifting of Peter shows us one of the strategies that Satan uses to _____ our faith.

“And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift *you* as wheat. “But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to *Me*, strengthen your brethren.” But he said to Him, “Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.” Then He said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me.”” Luke 22:31-34

- The whole purpose of sifting is that we would **turn from our faith!**

Job proved the devil to be a liar and _____ him by blessing the name of the LORD.

“Now there was a day when his sons and daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house; a messenger came to Job & said, “The oxen were plowing & the donkeys feeding beside them, “when the Sabean raided *them* and took them away--indeed they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!” While he *was* still speaking, another also came and said, “The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell you!” While he *was* still speaking, another also came and said, “The Chaldeans formed three bands, raided the camels and took them away, yes, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; I alone have escaped to tell you!” While he *was* still speaking, another also came and said, “Your sons and daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house, “and suddenly a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you!” Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. And he said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, & naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD.” *In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.*” Job 1:13-22

- Notice that the goal was for Job to charge God with wrong. ***Do we charge God with wrong?*** 1 Th 5:16-18

Though we may not fully _____ the test we are experiencing, we can still Bless the LORD!

“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.” Ja 1:2-4

- “Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all.” Psalms 34:19

Though Satanic _____ seem to be overwhelming, God will make the way of escape.

“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*. Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.” 1 Co 10:13, 14

- We cannot control how Satan will attack; we can choose how we will respond when it happens.

Though it may seem that God is far away, nothing can _____ us from His love.

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:35-39; see Psalms 31:19

Though pride may cause us to fall, when we _____ to the LORD, He restores and exalts.

“God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.” Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Be sober be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, & settle *you*. To Him *be* the glory & dominion forever & ever. Amen.” 1 Pe 5:5-11

Though God is not obligated to let us in on His plans, He is still _____ of our trust.

I will love You, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; **My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;** My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy to be praised;* So shall I be saved from my enemies.” Psalms 18:1-3