PETER'S PATH

TO

POWER

LUKE 22:31-32, 60-61

Luke 22:31-32

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

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

Luke 22:60-61

60 And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. 61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

Introduction

A. Peter's denials of Christ

B. Coming tough times for the disciples

    1. Jesus had told them of His coming suffering

Luke 22:15

And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:

    2. He had just revealed His betrayal by one of them

Luke 21:21

But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table.

    3. He had told Peter that he would be attacked by Satan (v 31)

I. The Prayer Of Christ For Peter (22:31)

A. The Lord was concerned for Peter when he was tempted

Mark 4:38

And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

1 Peter 5:7

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

B. Satan desires to defeat all believers

I. The Prayer Of Christ For Peter (22:31)

C. Jesus is still praying for His tempted ones

    1. Jesus prayed for us in Gethsemane

John 17:20

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

    2. He intercedes for us now in heaven

Hebrews 7:25

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

I. The Prayer Of Christ For Peter (22:31)

D. Peter lost his battle with temptation, but his faith didn't fail

    1. Jesus commissioned him to strengthen the others

    2. He became the Lord's key spokesman at Pentecost

Acts 2:14

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

II. The Precise Time Of The Cock's Crowing When Peter Failed (22:60)

A. The time of this rooster's crowing had been prophesied Luke 22:34

And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

II. The Precise Time Of The Cock's Crowing When Peter Failed (22:60)

B. We have a few good words for a rooster

 1. He rises early and goes about his God given task

Psalm 116:24

This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

 2. He does his work without praise

Matthew 6:2

Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

II. The Precise Time Of The Cock's Crowing When Peter Failed (22:60)

B. We have a few good words for a rooster - continued

　　3. He awakens sleepers

Ezekiel 33:7

So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

　　4. He is a proclaimer of good news

Romans 13:11

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

II. The Precise Time Of The Cock's Crowing When Peter Failed (22:60)

B. We have a few good words for a rooster - continued

    5. He never gets bored with the same routine

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

C. God used this rooster to bring Peter to repentance

    1. Reminded Peter of his promise to Jesus

    2. Reminded Peter of he Lord's promise to him

III. The Lord's Powerful Look At Peter (22:61)

A. The Lord turned and looked at Peter

B. With all that was happening to Jesus, He still cared for Peter

C. We can only speculate about that look

D. That look broke Peter's heart and sent him out weeping

Peter was down, but he was not out

He wants to do the same for you