

"I have prayed for thee"

"And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat. 35. But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren"

There are few facts are revealed by our Lord Jesus here in this verse: 1). devil is after a believer to sift him like a wheat. 2). Need to pray for each other for our faith fail not 3). We need to strengthen our co-brothers.

We need to be always tuned with our heavenly Father through the meditating in the Word and through prayer. And we will be safe in the Hands of God, untouched by the enemy. Why then sometimes we come under the influence of the devil? The simple reason is we turn away our focus from our Lord and forget for a while that who we are in Christ. And unconsciously we are led into evil communication and unbelief and since that is the territory of the enemy we have entered and then the devil has his own way with us.

The other things is that Greed. **Ananias, and Sapphira.** This husband and wife lost their life because of the greed (Acts 5). Once you and I are committed certain things to God and then drawn by the greed then we will have to face the consequences. Satan always have you when you are in greed. The safeguard for this is: "But godliness with contentment is great gain" (I Timothy 5:6)

But here is the beauty of our Lord that He watches over your and my life all the time. He always prays for you and me: "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us" (Romans 8:34).

And we need to care for each other: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). Carrying each other's burdens involved loving God with all our hearts and mind, and strength and loving others as ourselves (Luke 10:27), and praying for each other too. In this way we protect each other from the attack of the enemy.

Many a times we condemn others who are fallen in the trap of the devil instead of praying for them: "Brethren, if man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted" (Galatians 6:1).

Do not forget that Jesus prayed for Peter and of course for all of his disciples too. Jesus is our High Priest who is sitting at the right hand of God, "Now the things which we have spoken this is the sum: we have such an High Priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens" (Hebrews 8:1). **Yes, we need to pray for each other!**

Remember, <u>Jesus is Lord,</u> and take with you <u>the Word of God and Faith,</u> excellent traveling Companions. Sharad and Prema (Psalms 119:105; Il Corinthians 5:7).

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