

Satan Has Asked For You

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Job 1:6-12

^{v.6}Now there was a day when the sons of God

[they, the sons of God] came to present themselves before the LORD [in Heaven], and Satan also came [intermingling] among them.

⁷And the LORD said to Satan, “From where do you come?” So Satan answered the LORD and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.”

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour [or swallow up whole].

^{v.8}Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?” ⁹So Satan answered the LORD and said, “Does Job fear God for nothing [for no reason at all]? ¹⁰Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side [and therefore have kept me from swallowing him whole and all he has]? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

^{I1}But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!” ^{I2}And the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person [the hedge now only surrounds his person].” So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

1 Kings 22:19-23

- ¹⁹Then Micaiah said [to Ahab, King of Israel],
“Therefore, hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left.
- ²⁰And the LORD said, ‘Who will persuade Ahab to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?’ So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner.
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1 Kings 22:19-23

²¹Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, and said, 'I will persuade him.' ²²The LORD said to him, 'In what way?' So he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And the LORD said, 'You shall persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.' ²³Therefore, look! The LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and the LORD has declared disaster against you."

1 Samuel 16:14-16

¹⁴But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul [this does not happen in the NT], and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him. ¹⁵And Saul's servants said to him, "Surely, a distressing spirit from God is troubling you. ¹⁶Let our master now command your servants, who are before you, to seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp. And it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall be well."

1 Samuel 18:10-12

¹⁰And it happened on the next day that the distressing spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied inside the house. So David played music with his hand, as at other times; but there was a spear in Saul's hand. ¹¹And Saul cast the spear, for he said, "I will pin David to the wall!" But David escaped his presence twice. ¹²Now Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, but had departed from Saul.

1 Samuel 19:9-10

⁹Now the distressing spirit from the LORD came upon Saul as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand. And David was playing music with his hand. ¹⁰Then Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away from Saul's presence; and he drove the spear into the wall. So David fled and escaped that night.

³¹And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has [intensively] asked [as a subservient] for [all of] you, [and what he wants to do to all of you is sift you, but only you, Peter, will be sifted] as wheat. ³²But I have prayed for you [Peter], that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.”

The sifting of wheat involves separating the wheat kernels from the outer chaff and other unwanted materials. This was traditionally done on a threshing floor, where oxen would trample the wheat to separate the kernels from the chaff. The mixture would then be thrown against a screen or sieve, allowing the wheat kernels to sift through while leaving behind chaff, rocks, twigs, and other debris. The separating process was not only used literally for grain but also metaphorically in biblical contexts to represent testing or purification of our faith.

Satan desires that in the sifting process ‘no wheat shall survive’, but that all (like Judas) will be blown away like chaff.”

Luke 22:24-34

²⁴Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest.

²⁵And He said to them [the disciples], “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called ‘benefactors’ [those who bestow good]. ²⁶But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves.

Luke 22:24-34

²⁷For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. ²⁸“But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials.

²⁹And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, ³⁰that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

Then Jesus said unto them, all of you shall be offended in me this night: for it is written I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. But after I am raised up, I will go before you into Galilee. Simon Peter said unto Him, Lord, where are you going? Jesus answered, where I go [to be smitten and then to Hades and resurrection], you can not now follow; but you shall follow afterwards. Peter said unto Him, Lord, why cannot I follow you even now? I will lay down my life for you. Jesus answered, will you lay down your life for me?

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³³But he said to Him, “Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.” ³⁴Then He [Jesus] said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me.”

Mark 14:31

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But a hindrance to a child in the Kingdom of God'

#1-31 And the Lord said

#2-Simon, Simon

#3-Satan has asked for you [plural, all of you]

#4-He has asked for [all of] you that he may sift
you [singular, Peter] as wheat.

#5-v. 32 But I have prayed for you,

#6-that your faith should not fail;

Matthew 16:15

¹⁶Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

John 6:67-69

⁶⁷Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?” ⁶⁸But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹Also we have come to believe and know [understand] that You are the Christ [the Messiah of Israel], the Son of the living God.”

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Revelation 12:9-10

⁹So the great dragon was cast out [of Heaven], [who is the dragon?] that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down [to the earth, never again to have access Heaven].

2 Corinthians 12:7

And lest I should be exalted above measure [pride] by the abundance of the revelations [that he received], a thorn in the flesh was given to me [by the Father], a messenger of Satan to [to constantly] buffet [or strike] me, lest I be exalted above measure.

1 Thessalonians 2:20

Therefore, we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us.

1 Corinthians 5:5

deliver such a one [an unrepentant man in the church] to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Everything that Happens to us, His Children, is
Father Filtered

Philippians 3:3-5

³For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh, ⁴though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so:

Matthew 10:29-30

²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. ³⁰But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.