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OUR ADVERSARY  
VS  
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*Luke 22:31-32*

# THE ATTACK OF OUR ADVERSARY

- Each of us are subject to His attack

LUKE 22:31

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all of you like wheat....”*

# 1 PETER 5:8-9

*Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

# 1 PETER 5:8-9

*Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.*

# REVELATION 12:10

*...the accuser of our brothers... accuses them day  
and night before our God.*



# THE ATTACK OF OUR ADVERSARY

- Each of us are subject to His attack
- His motives are malicious

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# AMOS 9:9

*“For behold, I will command,  
and shake the house of Israel among all the nations  
as one shakes with a sieve...”*

# MATTHEW 3:12

*“His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”*

# 1 CORINTHIANS 11:19

*...for there must be factions among you in order  
that those who are genuine among you may be  
recognized.*

JOB 1:11

*“But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.”*

# THE ATTACK OF OUR ADVERSARY

- Each of us are subject to His attack
- His motives are malicious
- His demand is granted by God

LUKE 22:31 NASB

*“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded  
permission to sift you like wheat...”*



JOHN 3:27

*“A person cannot receive even one thing unless it  
is given him from heaven.”*

JOB 1:12

*And the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, all that he  
has is in your hand...”*

# THE ATTACK OF OUR ADVERSARY

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- His motives are malicious
- His demand is granted by God
- His attack is a necessary experience

# 1 PETER 1:6-7

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# LUKE 24:26

*“Was it not **necessary** that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”*

# JAMES 1:5

*Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

# GENESIS 50:20

*As for you, you meant evil against me, but God  
meant it for good...*



# ROMANS 8:28

*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good...*

# LUKE 22:31-32

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# THE PROTECTION OF OUR INTERCESSOR

- His intercession is desperately needed

LUKE 22:33

*Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you  
both to prison and to death.”*

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LUKE 22:57

*But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know  
him.”*

LUKE 22:62

*And he went out and wept bitterly.*



JOB 16:21 NKJV

*Oh, that one might plead for a man with God,*

*As a man pleads for his neighbor!*

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# THE PROTECTION OF OUR INTERCESSOR

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JOHN 17:15

*“I do not ask that you take them out of the world,  
but that you keep them from the evil one.”*

1 JOHN 5:18

*...but he who was born of God protects him, and  
the evil one does not touch him.*

# 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

*God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

## 2 CORINTHIANS 12:7

*...a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger  
of Satan to harass me...*

## 2 CORINTHIANS 12:8

*Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this,  
that it should leave me.*



## 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

*But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you,  
for my power is made perfect in weakness.”*

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# HEBREWS 9:24

*For Christ has entered... into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.*

# HEBREWS 7:25

*Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.*

# THE PROTECTION OF OUR INTERCESSOR

- His intercession is desperately needed
- He strengthens, but He does not remove
- His intercession is ongoing
- His intercession is merciful

LUKE 22:34

*Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”*

# HEBREWS 4:15

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are...*



# HEBREWS 2:18

*For because he himself has suffered when tempted,  
he is able to help those who are being tempted.*

# LUKE 22:31-32


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ἐκλείπω

*“to be no longer in existence, fail, give out, be  
gone” (BDAG)*

LUKE 22:32

*“And when you have turned again, strengthen  
your brothers.”*

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