

*The Lord said, "**Simon, Simon**, behold, **Satan asked to have you**, that he might sift you as wheat, **but I prayed for you**, that **your faith wouldn't fail**. You, when **once you have turned again**, **establish your brothers**."*

*He said to him, "**Lord, I am ready** to go with you both to prison and to death!"*

*He said, "I tell you, Peter; the rooster will by no means crow today until **you deny that you know me** three times." (Luke 22:31-34)*

Yahweh said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant, Job? For there is none like him in the earth, a blameless and an upright man, one who fears God, and turns away from evil."

*Then Satan answered Yahweh, and said, "**Does Job fear God for nothing?** Haven't you made a hedge around him, and around his house, and around all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But **put forth your hand now**, and **touch all that he has**, and **he will renounce you** to your face."*

*Yahweh said to **Satan**, "Behold, **all that he has is in your power**. Only on himself don't put forth your hand." So **Satan went forth from the presence of Yahweh**. (Job 1:8-12)*

*I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "**Now is come the salvation, the power, and the Kingdom of our God**, and the **authority of his Christ**; for the **accuser of our brothers has been thrown down**, who **accuses them before our God day and night**." (Revelation 12:10)*

Why did Satan ask permission to have Peter?

Did he get that permission?

Why did Jesus pray for Peter **rather** than simply **rebuking Satan**?

Jesus prayed that Peter's faith/**trust would not fail**.

Did it fail?

What was the **nature of this faith** and **how deep** was it?

How does **sifting wheat** relate metaphorically to **keeping faith** from failing?

Once you have **turned again**... This implies a **need to return** from something not good.

What would be different with Peter **after** the turning?

Establish your brothers. Was this something **Peter was good at** or the opposite?

What was **Peter's current disposition** towards the other disciples? (Whose the greatest!)

Lord, **I am ready**... Really now? **Why** did Peter **feel so self-confident**?

How does this relate to you and me today?