



Sift Shaping



Great Word Last Week!

- Balancing what we know with what God knows – not even a fair fight!
- Job 8:9 - ⁹ For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow
- Conclusion – We are not qualified to know what God knows, our role is to accept His love and live by His grace and trust Him in all things, **ESPECIALLY** those things we don't understand, and let Him work!



Holy Spirit Channel

- Isaiah 55: 8-9 - “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD.
9 “For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways
And My thoughts than your thoughts.”
- 2 Cor. 12:9 - “My grace is sufficient for you”
- All you need to know is ME. I AM **faithful**



Fasten Your Seatbelts

- We have entered an inflection point in history – a Black Swan event
- Don't think you know what is going on, or what is coming next, because you don't
- I am not given to sensational claims, but I am telling you today that something is coming and we are not prepared
- I mean SPIRITUALLY, we must be ready



Mind-blowing principle – Luke 22

- ³¹ “Simon, Simon, behold, **Satan** has [**d**]demanded *permission* to sift you like wheat; ³² **but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”**
- Don't be deceived by DUALISM
- Satan had to ask permission; he still does. Because Jesus is LORD!!



Even a Chained Dog Bites

Why should you fear? Why should you be afraid? Do you not know that the prince of this world has been judged? He is no lord, no prince any more. You have a different, a stronger Lord, Christ, who has overcome and bound him. Therefore let the prince and god of this world look sour, bare his teeth, make a great noise, threaten ... he can do no more than a bad dog on a chain, which may bark, run here and there, and tear at the chain. But because it is tied and you avoid it, it cannot bite you. – Martin Luther



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Warfare 101 – 1 Peter 5

⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, ⁷ casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

■ ⁸ **Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert.**

Your adversary, the devil, prowls around **like a roaring lion**, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ [d] But **resist him, firm in your faith**, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your [e]brethren who are in the world.



Peter Comes Full Circle

- ¹⁰ After you have suffered for a little while, **the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself** perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. ¹¹ **To Him *be* dominion forever and ever. Amen.**
- **Does this passage from 1 Peter 5 remind you at all of another passage?**
- **What about THIS ONE**



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- Approximately 35 years after Jesus gave Peter notice that his sifting was coming, Peter is now sharing the same urgent warning and powerful promise with the whole church. Get ready to stand firm!!



Hear the Word of the Lord

- To the USA and to those called to be His Body, His hands and feet bringing His light and love to those in darkness there;
- Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat, and I am praying for you, But **resist him, firm in your faith,**
- ¹⁰ After you have suffered for a little while, **the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself** perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. Fruit of sifting is VICTORY



Your Opinions Don't Count

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- Sifting is a real thing. I AM **faithful**



Jesus + Nothing = EVERYTHING

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY