

## Sermon: Satan the Sifter (Lk. 22.28-34)

### §1. Introduction

1. **Doctrine:** Although members of the visible Church have continued with Christ for some time, and although they have a promise of heaven, yet they remain under the assaults of Satan who seeks to sift them out of the Kingdom of Christ and into apostasy.
2. **Application:** We will see our need to be on guard against the attacks of Satan against ourselves, our families, and our church and rely upon Christ our Intercessor and make use of remedies against Satan's devices. As we consider verse 31, we will examine three devices of Satan to draw us into apostasy, and three precious remedies against those devices.

### §2. Exposition

1. Summary of Context:

2. Verse-by-Verse Exposition:

**28 Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations:**

**APPLICATION:**

**29 And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; 30 That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel:**

**APPLICATION:**

**31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:**

**Device:** Friendship with the World

**Remedy:** Separation from the World

**Device:** Sinning Against Conscience

**Remedy:** Yielding to Conscience

**Device:** Spiritual Sluggishness

**Remedy:** Spiritual Urgency

**32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.**

i. Christ's Intercessory Shepherding as the Object of our Faith

ii. As an Example for our Lives

iii. Peter as an example: Strengthen thy brethren!

- Parents

- Siblings

**33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. 34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me:**

**APPLICATION:**

### **§3. Uses**

1. Desperately cling to Christ, our Advocate, Intercessor, and Mediator
2. Urgently fight the devices of Satan against ourselves and our loved ones