

The Life of the Apostle Peter

Study # 17

Ten Lessons from Peter's Boasting and Denials

Study # 13

A Lesson About Boasting

- I. **Boasting About His Faith (Luke 22:31-33)**
 - A. **The Revelation of the Savior (31-32)**
 1. **Concerning Satan (31)**
 2. **Concerning Supplication (32A)**
 - a. **The Person - Christ (Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25)**
 - b. **The Prayer - Content**
 3. **Concerning Strengthening (32B)**
 - B. **The Rebuttal of Simon (33)**
 1. **His Assertion**
 2. **His Arrogance (Rom. 11:34)**
 - a. **His Implication**
 - b. **His Ignorance**
- II. **Boasting About His Following (John 13:33, 36-37)**
 - A. **The Revelation of the Savior (33)**
 1. **He Prepares Them for His Leaving**
 2. **He Prepares Them for Their Loneliness**
 - B. **The Rebuttal of Simon (36-37)**
 1. **He Demands to Know Where (36)**
 2. **He Demands to Know Why (37)**
- III. **Boasting About His Falling (Matthew 26:31, 33)**
 - A. **The Revelation of the Savior (31)**
 1. **A Revelation of Their Scattering**
 2. **A Reminder of the Scripture (Zech. 13:7)**
 - B. **The Rebuttal of Simon (33)**
 1. **He Asserts His Superiority (1 Cor. 10:12)**
 2. **He Asserts His Steadfastness**
- IV. **Boasting About His Forsaking (Mark 14:30-31)**
 - A. **The Revelation of the Savior (30)**
 - B. **The Rebuttal of Simon (31)**

THREE things cause Peter's denial.

 1. **The Cross**
 2. **Ignorance of Himself**
 3. **Arguing instead of listening.**

CONCLUSION:

Study # 16

Peter's Denials

(Mt. 26:57-58, 69-75; Mk. 14:54-54, 66-72; Lk. 22:54-62; Jn. 18: 13-18; 25-27)

- I. **Scene One: The Procession to Caiaphas' Palace (Jn. 18:13,14)**
 - A. **The Place**
 - B. **The People**
- II. **Scene Two: At the Door of Caiaphas' Palace (Jn. 18:15,16)**
- III. **Scene Three: Inside Caiaphas' Palace (Jn. 18:17-18, 25-27)**
 - A. **Part One: The High Priest's Maid (Jn. 18:17-18)**
 - B. **Part Two: Another Maid and a Man (Jn. 18:25)**
 - C. **Part Three: Various Other Accusers (Jn. 18:26-27)**
- IV. **Scene Four: Christ and Peter (Luke 22:61-62)**

CONCLUSION:

1. **Peter's Lying**
2. **Peter's language.**
3. **Peter's loathing.**
4. **Peter's Lamenting**

APPLICATIONS AND LESSONS

1. We cannot trust our own heart!
Jeremiah 17:9-10 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? 10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.
2. We learn that failing to deal with our pride is setting us up for a fall!
Proverbs 16:18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.
1 Corinthians 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.
3. We must learn not to question our Lord who sees the future.
Psalms 139:1-6 O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. 2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. 3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. 4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether. 5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.
4. We learn that we should realize that even good men fall!
Proverbs 24:16 For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.
5. We learn that even believers can do some very dark things!
6. We learn that it is better to perform than to promise.
Ecclesiastes 5:4-5 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. 5 Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.
7. We learn that failure is not final!
Psalms 37:23-24 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.
8. We learn that trials can ultimately make us stronger.
Job 23:10 But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.
9. We learn that God is with us in temptation.
1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.
10. We learn that Satan is limited in his advances against the believer.
"Satan hath desired to have you" (**Lk. 22:31**)