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“Peter’s Failures”

MATTHEW 26:69-75



“Confidence is good,
but overconfidence always sinks
the ship.”

Oscar Wilde



“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat,

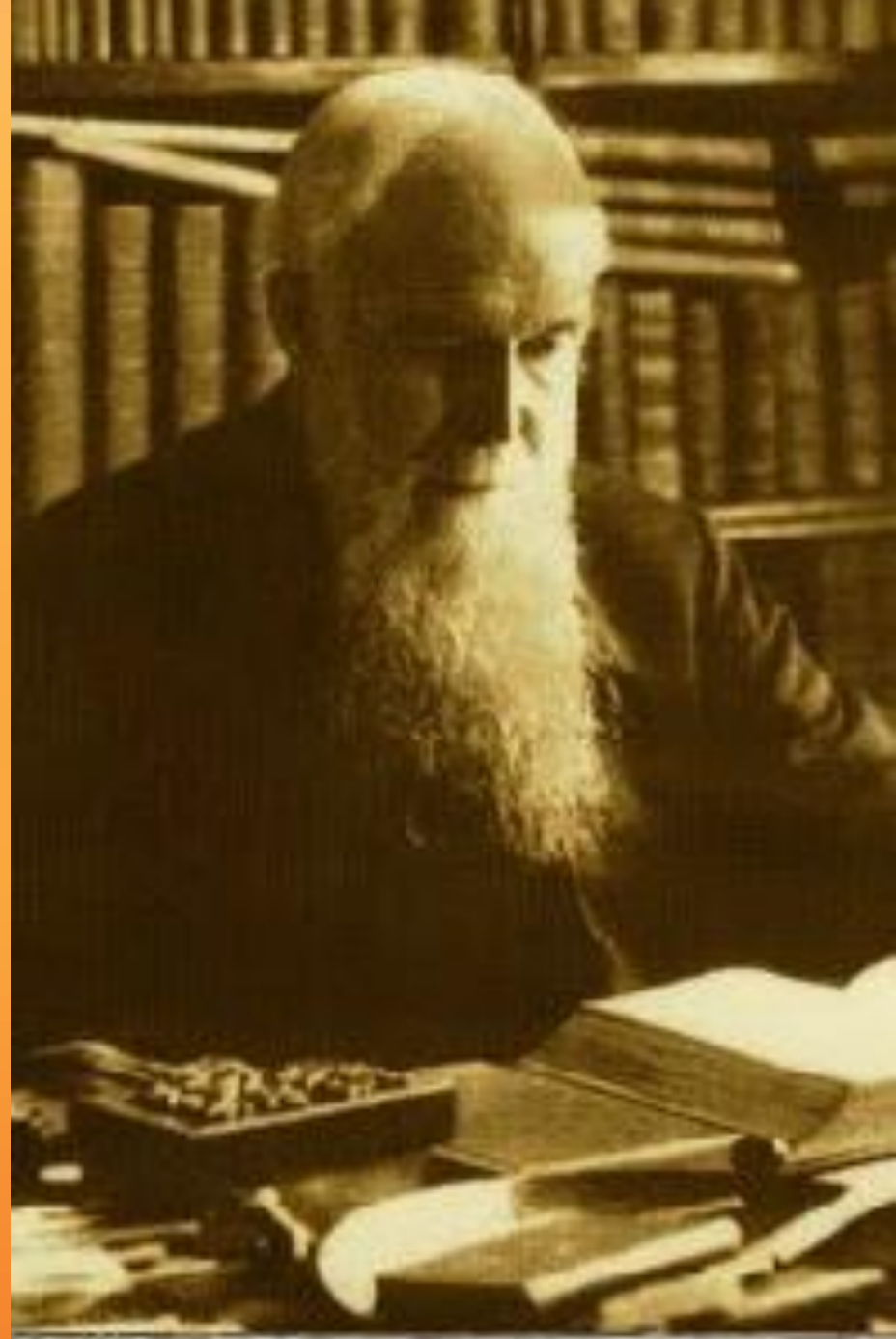
Luke 22:31



“This expression signifies that Satan desired to shake, toss to and fro, and harass the apostles, just as corn is shaken to and fro when it is dressed and winnowed, to separate the grain from the chaff. It aptly describes the effect of temptation...

J. C. Ryle,

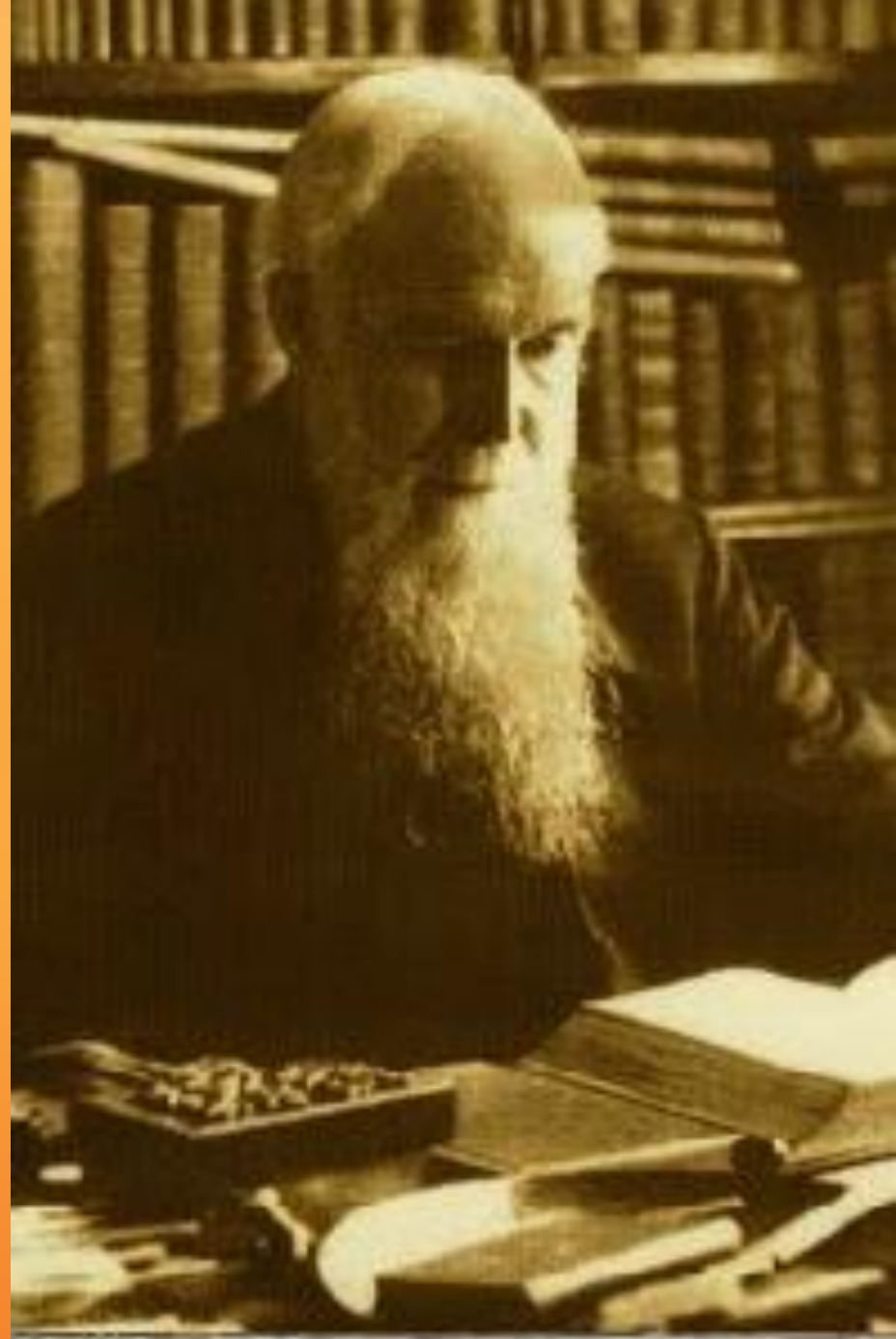
Expository Thoughts on Luke



“...on a believer. Whatever Satan’s intention may be, the result of temptation is to bring out the chaff, or infirmity of a believer, and generally in the long run to purify his soul. It was strikingly so with Peter and the other apostles in the present instance.”

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*but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.
And when you have turned again,
strengthen your brothers.*

Luke 22:32



*While I was with them, I kept them in your name,
which you have given me. I have guarded them,
and not one of them has been lost except the son
of destruction,
that the Scripture might be fulfilled.*

John 17:12



KEY POINT:

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his sin.



I. Peter's Rejection (vs. 69-75a)

A. A Simple Denial (vs. 69-70)



“It took only a menial maid to fell
the chief of the Twelve.
Gone were all his high and heroic
presentations to Jesus;
gone was the spurious courage
from his heart and from the hand
that had snatched out the...

**R.C.H. Lenski,
Matthew Commentary**



“...sword in Gethsemane.
Here stands the arrant coward,
unable to confess his heavenly
Lord, cringing with lying denial.”

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I. Peter's Rejection (vs. 69-75a)

A. A Simple Denial (vs. 69-70)

B. A Stronger Denial with a Promise (vs. 71-72)



*You shall fear the LORD your God.
You shall serve him and hold fast to him,
and by his name you shall swear.*

Deuteronomy 10:20



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C. An Even Stronger Denial with a Curse (vs. 73-75a)



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- II. Peter's Lamentation (vs. 75b)



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³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,...

I Peter 1:3-7



⁵ *who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

⁶ *In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,*

⁷ *so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

I Peter 1:3-7



*Who is to condemn?
Christ Jesus is the one who died—
more than that, who was raised—
who is at the right hand of God,
who indeed is interceding for us.*

Romans 8:34



*24 Now to him who is able to keep you from
stumbling and to present you blameless before the
presence of his glory with great joy,
25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ
our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority,
before all time and now and forever. Amen.*

Jude 24-25



*Guard me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked;
preserve me from violent men,
who have planned to trip up my feet.*

Psalm 140:4



*“When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.*

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

“He Will Hold Me Fast”



*Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.*

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
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*For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast;
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!*

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.”*

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

