

Sifting

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Luke 22:31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired [to have] you, that he may sift [you] as wheat:

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

If you read these verses carefully, you will notice that satan had been asking to have Simon that he may be sifted as wheat. BUT! Yeshua said, "I have prayed for you that your faith fail not." He did not pray that Simon would not be sifted, only that his faith failed not!

My brothers and sisters, you will be sifted because it is good for you. No, it does not feel good, but it is good. Sifting takes out all the things that we don't readily see. It takes out all the things that are beneath the surface. Have you sifted flour in preparation for baking? The flour goes through a screen that filters out all the hunks and chunks that would make the dough lumpy. God does not want to serve lumpy bread!

I want you to know that the more you draw near to Him, the more you will be sifted. The closer you get to the mark of your high calling in Yeshua, the more you will be sifted. The closer you get to your purpose, **the finer the sifter will get!** The more God uses us, the more refined we should be.

Take heart! He has prayed for us that our faith fail not! You WILL get through it and you will be richer, more refined and fit for the Master's use when it's over. Embrace the sifting, it is for your good and the good of the kingdom!

Remember: Fear backs up, Faith moves forward!

Praise the LORD for victory!

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