

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#90 – “Clear and Present Danger” – Luke 22:31-38

I. Introduction

- A. Times in Pastor Don’s life when he felt danger.
 - 1. Mission field experience.
- B. Jesus is in danger and so are the disciples.

II. Exposition

- A. Luke 22:31
 - 1. Danger was noted in last week’s sermon.
 - 2. Note repetition – “Simon, Simon.”
 - 3. Distinctives of Peter.
 - a. First disciple to be called.
 - b. First to confess Jesus was the Christ.
 - c. First to exit the boat and walk on water.
 - 4. Note plural use of “you” – a reference to not only Peter, but all the disciples.
- B. Luke 22:32
 - 1. Singular usage of “you” – directed to Peter alone.
- C. Luke 22:33
 - 1. Pride before the fall
- D. Luke 22:34
 - 1. The prophecy is bleak – a threefold denial is on the horizon.
 - 2. Illustration from Afghanistan
 - a. “The Titanic of all testimonies,” Philip Ryken.
- E. Luke 22:35-36
 - 1. At first glance, it seems out of place.
 - a. Jesus had told the disciples earlier to take supplies.
 - 1. Luke 9:3; 10:4
 - b. Now a shift in ministry support is in view.
 - 1. Going to the nations would require support.

- c. Wrong understanding of this text. The sword reference is used as justification for violence in order to advance the kingdom.

- 1. Note John 18:10 and Luke 22:51

- a. Jesus does NOT advocate the means of force.

- d. The weapons of the kingdom are not of this world.

- 1. II Corinthians 10:4

- e. The sword reference is symbolic of warfare (spiritual warfare).

- 1. Robert Stein

- 2. Philip Ryken

F. Luke 22:37

- 1. The hatred of Jesus is clearly in view and foretold.

- a. Note tie-in to Isaiah 53:12

- b. Many New Testament authors drew connection to Isaiah 53.

- 1. John 12:38; Acts 8:32-33; Rom. 10:16; I Peter 2:22

G. Luke 22:38

- 1. “It is enough” – or “Enough of this talk”. They did not get it.

III. Points for Reflection

- A. “Satan has demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat” (Luke 22:31) is a sober reminder to all who take leadership positions in Christ’s church.

- 1. I Peter 5:8

- B. We are at our best when we are broken, humble, and dependent.

- 1. Luke 22:32; II Corinthians 12:10

- C. If we do fail we know that Jesus has prayed for us in advance so that if sin has occurred, faith may never fail.

- 1. Luke 22:32; Romans 3:21-26; 8:34; Heb. 7:25

- D. He identified with us at our worst.

- 1. Lk 22:37; Isa. 53:12; II Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:10-13; I Pet. 2:24