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a Nearly Religion 102

FOLLOWING JESUS AFAR OFF

*In the faith? NEAR?
- II Cor. 13:5.*

Read: Luke 22:54-62 *

INT.

An episode Peter like to see obliterated, forgotten!!
MANY TODAY, like Simon: Full of Ambition, heavy with
sincerety and inebriated with good-Intentions, BUT
untested and untried. **Really only far-off disciples**
Peter thought, vowed, insisted and argued that he was
different; a **CLOSE DISCIPLE!** Vs. 54 F. afar off!!

I. JESUS KNEW PETER MUCH BETTER THAN HE KNEW HIMSELF.

- A. Luke 22:31-34* Devil after Peter and had more of him than he ever dreamed possible.
- B. I Pet. 5:6-8. Devil that got Simon, after us! I Cor. 10:12.
- C. C. S. LEWIS: "No man knows how bad he is until he has tried to be good! There is a silly idea about, that good people don't know what temptation is." Sc. letter
- D. Wm. Penn: "God is better served in resisting temptation to evil, than in many formal prayers."
- E. Matt. 26:31-35* Peter too busy in "formal prayers", rash assertions, impulsive remonstrations and boasting of what he would do IF!!!. All fled! Mk. 14:50
- F. Wm Hickling Prescott: "Where there is no temptation, there can be little claim to virtue." (The conquest of Peru. Bk. 1, Ch. 5.) *Dance floor? Public swimming pool? Rich Home of Joint?*
- G. Peter developed virtue through and after temptation.
 - 1. John 21:15-17. Three denials, three affirmations.
 - 2. Acts 2:22-23 & 38. Told the painful truth.
 - 3. Acts 3:19. Faced trials with great courage.
 - 4. Acts 4:12, 18-20. An outstanding boldness NOW!
 - 5. Acts 5:28-32. Peter preached truth at risk of death!

Who resisting temp??

now in the faith.

INVITATION:

Believe God's elders & preachers

Kub. II must set the pace.

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*Ill. Preacher, wedding ceremony! toast?
"No, not with that which is the greatest enemy of the game!" Left. church got \$100 check! year later: asked to marry 2nd daughter. Singer die! Toast? 8 il! (LOVER)*

- a. Christian moves to new local area- identify self! If new to area-planned to identify-come to front!! *Dank Pathos afar off, too dangerous!*
- b. Christian falls from God's grace, is a DISGRACE! Simon was, Acts 6:22. A Reproach. Repent & pray!! If wish to be restored, come to front now. *afar off?*

Already planned to come.

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c. Non-Christian friends: Lost in sin, Separated from God and His family, the church! Unnecessary.

If came to this service planning to obey the gospel, come to the front now to obey Lord.
Cause a moment.

TOO FAR OFF!

I had
not
planned
to come,
but are
now ready,
please
come!

3. ASK YOU TO LISTEN PRAYERFULLY AND ATTENTIVELY AS WE READ THE GREAT OLD INV. SONG: JUST AS I AM.

If you are subject to the gospel, (and have not yet come forward) wont you please come to the front as we read. (Page 131)

Just. cent.

asking you to deny
self, family, world & all

SIN! matt. 16:24-26.
mk. 16:16.

we have

Brethren: three possible spiritual areas. Each of us in one!
1. afar off where Jesus
would go?
what Jesus
would do?

2. Next Christ. not close enough!

NT 1-2-77 PM
2R-I 2-R.

3. In Christ. II Cor.
very close! 5:17.