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Following Jesus Afar Off

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An episode Peter like to see obliterated, forgotten! MANY TODAY, like Simon: Full of Ambition, heavy with sincerity and initialized with good Intentions, BUT untested and untried. Really only far-off disciple 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. I Cor.


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. leta

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 remonstrances and boasting of what he would do IF!! All fled! Mk. 14:60

F. Wm Hickling Prescott: "Where there is no temptation, there can be little claim to virtue." (The conquest of Peru. Bk. 1, Ch. 5.) Came first. Who resists temp? ?? "Gulf of the Hone of Teens?"

G. Peter developed virtue through and after temptation.

INVITATION: Believe God's elders & preachers
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.

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) won't you please come to the front as we read. (Page 131)


We have brethren: three possible spiritual areas:

1. AFAR OFF - How Jesus wonderful go? Do what Jesus want you do?
2. Near Christ, not close!
3. In Christ. II Cor. 5:17. Very close!