

# Bait of Satan Lesson 4

## All That Can Be Shaken, Will Be Shaken

- Shaking does five things:
  1. Brings whatever is being shaken closer to its foundation
  2. Removes what is dead
  3. Will harvest what is ripe
  4. Will awaken
  5. Will unify or mix together so it can never be separated again
- Luke 22:20-32 Two Tests

**Peter:** “I wouldn’t betray Him, after all look what I said... I’m one of the three... I walked on water...” Jesus says Satan has asked to sift Peter as wheat (v. 31). Jesus doesn’t ask for the devil to be bound, but that Peter’s faith won’t fail. Why? Peter has the revelation knowledge of Jesus as the Christ, but he is still trying to lead based solely on his personality and his own strength. Jesus allows the enemy to shake him to the verge of overthrow, in order to shake out all of the dead. To get rid of the pride and self-reliance that will keep you from being a strong leader.

**Judas:** Judas did not have revelatory knowledge. He had his own agenda the whole time. He lied, stole, and flattered. “What would you give ME if...” [Matt 24:16]. Judas was remorseful when he saw they were going to crucify Jesus and he tried to give back the 30 pieces of silver. [Matt 27:3-5] Had Judas truly knew that Jesus was the Messiah; he never would have betrayed “innocent blood”. To Judas, that’s all Jesus was – an innocent man, nothing more.
- God’s purpose in allowing difficulties in our lives is for the process of spiritual shaking.
- Shifting and shaking are not pleasant experiences, but they are necessary.
- Even though Peter had revelation knowledge of Jesus as the Christ, he was not yet walking in humility so he needed to be shaken. Pride was not enough to fulfill his destiny in Christ. Nor is it enough for us.
- **Pride attracts the enemy – after all that was his major flaw.**
- Eve: the serpent caused her to focus on what God will not let her have. He makes God look like a taker instead of the giver He is. And the serpent spoke of physical death as opposed to spiritual death. He had no idea what was going to happen. The serpent had no foreknowledge; he is not omniscient. As soon as he is able to pervert Eve’s view of God – he has her!
- Peter do you love me more than these? Phileo: affectionate brotherly love, agape: the love of God which lays its life down. Peter had been shaken down to the core – no more boasting in self, but reliance upon Jesus instead.

## The Rock of Offense

- Believe: means to obey, not merely knowing – even the demons know and tremble! Disobedience is the opposite of believe. [1 Peter 2:6-8] The Jesus we believe in must be the same Jesus we obey.
- Grace is perverted the same way. Many say they are covered by grace and live in disobedience. Jesus said, “Not everyone who says to me ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of my Father.” A person who consistently rebels and disobeys God is a person who doesn’t know Him.
- Works do not get you into Heaven, but faith without works is dead (James).
- Because many of the people refused to believe in Jesus to the point of obedience, they responded with offense. This was prophesied by Simeon the Pharisee at Jesus’ dedication as a baby. [Luke 2:25-35]
- Jesus was known as the rock of offense because he offended people everywhere he went. He offended those who were not true believers, those who were disobedient, and those who had wrong foundations in their lives.
- Jesus did not compromise truth in order to keep people from being offended. Truth offends those in disobedience. Once confronted with truth, they either believe to the point of obedience and change or they fall away offended.
- Matthew 15:7-13 God will actually use offense to root out the people who don’t truly believe and obey. Too many preachers are keeping the Word positive and refusing to preach on anything negative lest the people get offended and leave. **THEY NEED TO BE OFFENDED AND GET RIGHT SO THESE THINGS WILL NOT OFFEND THEM IN THE FUTURE!!**
- Sometimes God gives us an offensive word to help others to repent and turn and live a holy life. But if we are too worried that they might get offended because it’s a harsh or corrective word, then we are playing God and refusing to help that person. We make them comfortable living in their sin. Truth will pierce and penetrate.
- Jesus offended people close to him: his hometown, his disciples, even his own family. John the Baptist (Luke 7:18-23), Mary & Martha (John 11)