



- "Pride is so easily visible in others while so invisible in ourselves."

– Mark Dever

- Eventually we suffocate ourselves from the weight of unrealistic expectations; our own and those of others.

Our salvation is not guaranteed by our human effort or assessment, but by faith in God and His ability to keep us secure until the end.

I. A Sad Prediction

- On the way to the Mt. of Olives, Jesus makes a sorrowing prophecy about what will take place in the next few hours.

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- The disciples were ashamed to know the Lord in His most difficult time. They allowed the circumstances of His trial, beatings, and death drive them away.

Zechariah 13:7

- "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, And against the man, My Associate," Declares the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered; And I will turn My hand against the little ones."

I. A Sad Prediction

- Jesus shows great courage while His disciples show cowardice.
- When you are afraid you are lacking trust in the power of God. You allow the circumstance to control you rather the Lord who holds all things in His hand.

II. A Bold Declaration

- Peter expresses his pride in falsely assessing that he would not fall away.
- Within a few short hours Peter will deny the Lord.
- Peter is acting out in his old nature.

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- Jesus prayed that their faith would not fail when they return to Him again.
- Jesus intercedes for us today when Satan seeks to destroy us and the testimony of Christ in us.

What Now?

- Allow Christ and His Word define who you are.
- Remember, Jesus will never leave us nor forsake us! (Hebrews 13:5)
- The way to overcome is to keep our eyes fixed always on Him!