**Scripture Reading:** Exodus 20:1-17 & Luke 22:47-71

**Singing:** 308:1-3 – 435:1, 9 – 161 – 220:1, 5, 6 – 143:1, 3, 4

Intro: Jesus didn’t only suffer from His enemies!

A. Why did Gospels record Peter’s fall four times?

1. Was it to highlight Peter’s fall as a warning to us?

2. Was it to highlight Jesus’ love as an encouragement to us?

**The Lord’s look at Peter**

I. What occasioned this look? II. What was expressed in this look?

III. What did this look?

**I. What occasioned this look?**

A. Peter’s violent & torturous denial of His Lord and Beloved Master

1. Behold the Master standing before the Jews (vs. 54)

2. Among all false words *before,* Jesus heard another voice *behind* Him

3. Besides, He still heard the echo of Peter’s earlier words (Luke 22:33)

B. How did Peter come to say such foul words of disrespect?

1. Because Peter was arrogant

2. Because Jesus allowed Him to be *sifted by Satan* (Luke 22:31-32)

C. Take-aways

1. Nothing hurts more than to be let down by trusted friends: *yet what did*

*this stir in Jesus’ heart towards Peter?*

2. Spirit of Jesus is still grieved with any form of denial

a. when we fail to be real Protestants

b. when we sacrifice to protect or favor ourselves

c. when we conscious hide our separation to avoid mocking

d. when we brush away workings of Spirit of Jesus within us

**II. What was expressed in this look?**

A. A look of deep hurt and reproach: *Peter, how could you fail Me like that?*

B. A look with deep penetrating power: *His look pulled Peter back!*

C. A look of undiminished love: *He loved him unto the end (John 13:1, 2)*

**III. What this look did to Peter**

A. Jesus reached *Peter’s heart through* ***eye*** *(and* ***ear*** *gate): He awakened*

*and returned (vs. 62)*

B. Take away

1. Has God *loving face in Jesus Christ* ever done this to us?

a. nothing makes sin more bitter than seeing it against the love of

Jesus

2. Don’t we all have reason to *leave here weeping bitterly*?

3. If we are to walk away weeping, where should we go?

Closing caution:

A. Even if saved by grace, we can’t handle *sin – compromising settings!*

1. Our greatest strength is to recognize our weakness

2. One small compromise in over-confidence is one big step in sin

**It takes two to make a successful temptation and you are one of the two!**

**The most deadly sins don’t leap upon us; they creep upon us.**

**Sin may clasp us so close that we don’t see its face.**

**There is no little sin.**