One Man can make a Difference

Luke 22:31—*And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.*

Jude 1:22*—And of some have compassion, making a difference:*

LEARNING THE DIFFERENCE ONE MAN CAN MAKE

I . There is a need for Intercession.

1. One man can intercede in prayer.
2. Learn the difference one man can make though intercessory prayer.

II. The need for Repentance and Faith unto Conversion.

1. Learn the difference One converted man can make to strengthen others.

Men may see miracles, and receive the greatest temporal mercies, and yet remain enemies to God. No means, without the converting influences of his Spirit, will ever lead them to love and serve him.

Gen. 6:8—***But Noah*** *found grace in the eyes of the LORD.*

Gen. 12:1—*Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:* 2*—And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:*

Gen. 46:3*—And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation:*

Gen. 18:23*—And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?*

Ex. 32:10*—Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.*

Num. 14:12*—I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.*

Deut. 9:14*—Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.*

This was a test, but Moses declined it, thinking more of Israel's good and of God's glory than of his own honor.

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Make a difference-

* There is a difference between those who have been led away by weakness and imprudence,

Eph 1:8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

Jer 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Heb 5:2 Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.

* And those who, in the pride and arrogance of their hearts, and their unwillingness to submit to wholesome discipline, have separated themselves from the Church, and become its case-hardened enemies.

Ro 9:15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

Lu 10:33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,