430 8T. LUKE. XXII.   
 tamoize. Tyou, that he may ‘sift you as wheat: 8?but "I have   
 vhcitu. | prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: ‘and when thou   
   
 Sart converted, strengthen thy brethren. °° And he said   
 16,17. unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into   
 . prison, and to death. % And he said, I tell thee, Peter,   
 the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt   
 watz thrice deny that thou knowest me. $5 ~ And he said unto   
 i. them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and   
   
   
 ¥ see note : render perhaps, for perspicwity, [all].   
 5 render, hast turned again.   
   
 John xiii. 36—38.) The speech appears word, and the cognate thrice by   
 to proceed continuously. There are St. Peter in his epistles, 1 v. 10;   
 in these words of our Lord, of close con- 2 Pet. i. iii. and in the first pas-   
 nexion with what has gone before. His sage in a connexion with the mention of   
 way, which the Father appointed to Him, Satan’s tations, is   
 is to His Kingdom—but it is temp- $8, $4.] Whether these words are in close   
 tations. To these, who have been with connexion with tho preceding, I think   
 Him in theee trials, appoints a king- be doubted. They may represent the same   
 dom,—but His way to it must be ther reply of our Lord as we have recorded   
 way: and here is temptation,—the sift- in John xiii. 38. One thing seems   
 ing as wheat. The sudden address to clear, without any attempt at minutely   
 Simon may perhaps have been occasioned izing: that two announcements   
 by some remark of his,—or, which I think were made by our Lord to Poter of his   
 more probable, may have been made in fature denial, occasioned by two very   
 consequence of some part taken by him in different of his: Oue,—-deriay   
 the preceding strife precedence. Such last meal, i. before going out, and   
 sudden and earnest addresses forth occasioned by Peter’s professed readiness   
 from deep love and concern awakened for to go to prison to death (“to lay   
 another, 81.) not only ‘hath de- down his life”) for with the Lord :—   
 sired to have you,’ A. V., but hath ob- the other,—on the way to the Mount of   
 tained you; — ‘his desire is granted.’ Olives, after declaration that should   
 you, all of not Simon alone, as be offended, and occasioned by Peter's   
 sometimes understood, even by preachers, profession that thongh all should be   
 from the A. V. only. This must include offended, yet would not he. Nothing is   
 Judas, though it does not follow that more natural or common than the repe-   
 was present; the sifti rated the Coed by a ee a ardent, of   
 chaff from the wheat, which c he was, professions these, in of warning;   
 see Amos ix. 9. 82. but I have prayed —and when De Wette calls such an   
 for thee] As Peter was the foremost (the pretation ‘a mere shift in difficulty,’   
 rest are here addressed through him), so that we can say is, disclaim any wish to   
 he was in the greatest danger. It must clear up difficulties, Ks going into   
 not be su that our Lord’s prayer their depths, examining honestly   
 not heard, because Peter’s faith fail, and diligently. Ifthe above view be cor-   
 in his denial; this fail here implies rect, I conceive the account in John   
 a total extinction, Peter's faith of this profession our Lord’s answer,   
 not suffer. Though the you all in- being in strict and arising out   
 el Judas, he is not included in the of the of conversation, must be   
 prayer ; see John xvii. We may no- taken as the ezact and St. Luke must   
 tice here, our Lord speaks of total be supposed to have inserted them here   
 failure of an Apostle’s faith, pos- without being aware of the intermodiate   
 sible. when thou hast turned again] Sis es ee Sah mance   
 There can, I think, be little that tl pl in the wi our   
 this word is here in the general N. Lord aideoen Peter by name Peter.   
 sense, of as a penitent after And it is remarkable, occurring in the   
 turning to God,—and not in the almost very place where He forewarns him of his   
 expletive meaning which it has in such approaching denial Himself.   
 passages as Joel 14; Acts vii. St ab afr OF PERITS AT