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JOHN 18:15-27

LESSON: TRIALS AND DENIALS

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INTRODUCTION:

CHAPTER 18:10-14 Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote; cut off the right ear of the high priest's servant named Malchus (18:10). Jesus rebukes Peter by telling him to put his sword back into his sheath, asking that the cup which His Father hath given Him, "*shall I not drink it?*" He's not asking permission to drink it, for He has every right and authority to drink it. It was given to Him by His Father. Peter has no right to not allow Him to drink it. He's painting the picture of what His Father's plan is; what His Father has told Him to do (18:11). The band and the captain and officers (temple police) of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him (18:12) and leads Him away to the house of Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas that same year for a sort of preliminary exam before going before Caiaphas, the High Priest (18:13). Now Caiaphas was the one who gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people (18:14).

LESSON: I. PETER'S FIRST DENIAL JOHN 18:15-18

18:15 And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. Jesus knew His rights, but He did not insist on them. ¹It is evident that two of Jesus' disciples had followed the Lord and His enemies across the Kidron Valley into the city of Jerusalem and into the courtyard of the High Priest. One of these disciples was Simon Peter and the other one is (probably John whom Jesus loved). This is the only mention of John out of all the four Gospels. There is always a mention of Peter in the courtyard but not John. John here was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the Palace of the high priest.

18:16 But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. But Peter didn't follow the other disciple all the way in, he stood outside the door. Note: (In chapter 20 we will see Peter going all the way into the sepulchre, while John stoops down to look in and then later goes in after Peter). But, as the other disciple (John) spoke to the one that kept watch or guarded the door, he made arrangements that allowed Peter to enter in. You have to give it to Peter, he stayed close. But the thing is— you have to be around people so we could see the denial. This is a setup, Peter.

18:17 Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not. It didn't take long. Right after Peter was brought into the courtyard palace, the damsel that kept the door recognized Peter and asked: "Aren't you also one of this man's disciples?" Peter immediately said, "I am not." Well, she had already known John was one of Jesus' disciples, but Peter must be too. But, Peter wouldn't admit that he was too. This is the first time Peter denied knowing Jesus.

18:18 And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself. Peter then stands with

¹ <http://www.family-times.net/commentary/trial-before-annas/>
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the servants and officers over a fire of coals in the cold to warm himself.

II. JESUS' FIRST TRIAL JOHN 18:19-24

18:19 The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine. Annas had served as high priest, but was thrown out of office by the Romans, and now his son-in-law Caiaphas was the high priest. This means that the trial before Annas was illegal, and it proved to be very brutal. However, Annas was looking for something for which to convict Jesus. He questioned Him as to His doctrine; what He taught.

18:20 Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort, and in secret have I said nothing. Jesus responded that He had nothing to hide and that He had taught publicly in the synagogues and in public places.

18:21 Why askest thou me? Ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said. Jesus refused to be a witness against Himself, and instead He asked Annas to produce witnesses who could testify as to His teaching. *"Look they know what I said!"*

18:22 And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying Answerest thou the high priest so?— Jewish law demanded that witnesses be called before a prisoner was questioned. Annas defied this law, which made the trial illegal. While Jesus was still tied up, one of the Temple police standing there, struck Jesus, and hollered out: *"Is that any way to answer the High Priest?"* He didn't like Jesus' answer and they weren't going to call any witnesses even though there were some.

18:23 Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?— Jesus' rebuttal to the officer was that *"if He has spoken a lie then prove it. Should you hit a man that's telling the truth?"*

18:24 Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest. Since Annas could prove no wrong in Jesus, He sent Jesus bound to Caiaphas the High Priest.

III. PETER'S FURTHER DENIALS JOHN 18:25-27

18:25 And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also one of his disciples? He denied it, and said, I am not. It was only a short time until Peter denied his Lord—the second time.

18:26 One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him?— *"One of the servants of the high priest, was kin to the one whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him?"* Now here is the third time Peter denied he knew the Messiah. I guess Peter had a face that they'll never forget. If Jesus wants you known, He'll surely make you shown to others.

18:27 Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew. The prediction Jesus gave to Peter was that Peter would deny Jesus three times before the cock crows. The cock crowed just as Jesus predicted. Peter had been recognized by three different people at three different times. Jesus already knew this





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would happen. However, Peter never thought this would happen to him. If we are marked by the Lord, **we will stand out!** And when we mess up, the Lord will set us right in directing our heart.

The significant difference between Peter and Judas was that Peter wept over his sins and repented, while Judas admitted his sins but never really repented. Judas repented himself, meaning an expression of remorse and regret, not repentance of sin that leads to a change of mind and action. There is godly sorrow that leads to repentance, and there is worldly sorrow; fleshly sorrow—sorry I got caught, that leads to death.

SUMMARY:

15 Simon Peter and the other disciple (John) who was known unto the high priest went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. 16 But, Peter didn't follow the other disciple all the way in, he stood outside the door. 17 After bringing Peter in, the damsel that kept the door recognized Peter and asked: "*Aren't you also one of this man's disciples?*" Peter immediately said, "*I am not.*" This is his first time denying the Lord. 18 Peter then stands with the servants and officers over a fire of coals in the cold to warm himself **(18:15-18).**

19 Caiaphas was the high priest and asked Jesus of His disciples, and of His doctrine. 20 Jesus responded that He had nothing to hide and that He had taught publicly in the synagogues and in public places. 21 Jesus refused to be a witness against Himself and instead He asked Annas to produce witnesses who could testify as to His teaching. "*Look they know what I said!*" 22 When Jesus had gotten through speaking, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying "Is that any way to answer the High Priest?" 23 Jesus' rebuttal to the officer was that "*if He has spoken a lie then prove it. Should you hit a man that telling the truth?*" 24 Since Annas could prove no wrong in Jesus, He sent him to Caiaphas the High Priest **(18:19-24).**

25 Simon Peter stood and warmed himself by the fire, and those standing by asked, "*Art not thou also one of his disciples? Peter denied it, and said, I am not.*" This is his second time denying the Lord. 26 One of the servants of the high priest was kin to the one whose ear Peter cut off, said, "*Did not I see you in the garden with Him?*" 27 After Peter had denied Jesus again, immediately the cock crowed. This is the third time Peter denies Jesus **(18:25-27).**