

God Blesses Contrite Hearts



CHAPTER 22 Study Guide

*Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 22**.*

Jesus warned Peter that the Devil would try to make him do something wrong. He knew that Peter was weak. Then Peter denied knowing Jesus. But then Peter expressed his contrition, and Jesus forgave him. Jesus loved Peter and made him the head of his Church.

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A tax collector named Zacchaeus wanted so much to see Jesus that he climbed a tree in order to do so. Jesus said he wanted to go to Zacchaeus's house. Zacchaeus said he was sorry for cheating people and would make up for it.

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In the story of the two men in the Temple, God was most pleased with the man who was sorry for his sins.

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A daily examination of conscience helps us remove those things from our hearts that offend God. We become more loving disciples of Jesus.

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A woman washed Jesus' feet with her tears in sorrow for her sins. Jesus told her that her sins were forgiven and that she had shown great love.

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When we pray the Prayer of the Penitent or the Act of Contrition, we tell God about our sins and how sorry we are for them. We ask for his mercy in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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The good shepherd loved all his sheep. When he lost one of the 100 sheep he owned, he searched for it and rejoiced when he found it. Jesus is like this shepherd with us.

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