

DELIVER US FROM EVIL

MATTHEW 6:13

Text: Matthew 6:13

Matthew 6:13

¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Introduction:

We are in a section of The Model Prayer where we are praying about our daily needs. We have called on the Father seeking the supplies we have need of day by day. We have prayed for His forgiveness of those sins that are part of our daily lives as well. Here, we address another need that arises on a daily basis. Here, we seek help in our battle with sin and temptation. The first word of our verses is “And.” This word ties this request in with our requests for bread, for forgiveness and for grace to forgive others.

As we have moved through the phrases that make up this great Model Prayer, we began at the feet of our Father in heaven, praising Him and professing our desire to see His kingdom come and His will done on this earth just as it is in Heaven.

This verse is all about trusting the Lord in the greatest battle we face in life. This is not the battle to put food on our tables or clothes on our backs. This is not the battle to approach God for forgiveness or even the battle to forgive those who have treated us so wrongly. Rather, it is the battle we face every day as we fight the temptations of the flesh and the attacks of the devil.

May the Lord teach us that in the greatest battle of life, we need to learn to rely on Him.

Notice:

1. THE PROBLEM OF TEMPTATION

Matthew 6:13

¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

This statement presupposes the leadership of the Lord in our lives.

So where does temptation come from?

James 1:14-15

¹⁴ But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. ¹⁵ Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Temptation in and of itself is not a sin. But, the very instant that temptation is embraced and pursued sin is the result.

2. THE POWER OF TEMPTATION

The need for us to pray for the Lord's protection from temptation is so great because we are so prone to failure.

Temptation is a powerful opponent, but most Christians have no idea as to its real power.

When we yield to the attractions of the flesh and the world, we find the going easy as temptation takes us where it pleases.

Temptation may be a powerful foe, but it is not as powerful our Savior!

3. THE PLEA IN TEMPTATION – DELIVER US FROM EVIL

Every Christian has an enemy who hates you and wants nothing more than to see you fall and fail. The ultimate goal of this enemy is to use you to bring disgrace and dishonor to the name of the Lord Jesus and God the Father. This enemy is the devil and he desires to see you fail!

Ephesians 6:12

¹²For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

Close:

Victory is ours in the battle with temptation! We are challenged to pray about our need in this battle and we are to trust the Lord to deliver us in the hour of temptation. He will do His part.

Do not pray this prayer if you plan on placing yourself in places and situations where you will be tempted. For instance, do not pray for the Lord to deliver you from the temptation of lust if you plan on going home and turning on an explicit video. Do not pray for the Lord to deliver you from the temptation to commit sexual sin, if you are going to engage in flirtation and sexual activity outside of marriage. Don't pray for the Lord to deliver you from the temptation to drink, if you insist on eating your meals in a bar. Don't waste your time praying this prayer if your feet constantly lead you toward evil.