

The Lord's Prayer: But Deliver Us from Evil

Isaiah 5:20 ♦ Matthew 6:13b

"Lead us not into temptation ... What if we do fall? Even then we are not forever undone. The prayer goes on, 'Deliver us from the evil one.' Evil is so insidious, cunning and powerful that we cannot deliver ourselves. But there is a Power outside ourselves that can deliver us, a Power more powerful than the evil, the power of God."
("A Christian Primer," Albert Curry Winn, p. 76)

And lead us not into temptation ...

The sixth petition in the Lord's Prayer is a request for God the Father to protect us from _____ and _____.

Why should we pray this request when James 1:13 says, "God does not _____ anyone"?

The answer lies in the full quotation: "When tempted, no one should say, 'God is tempting me.' For God cannot be tempted by _____, nor does He tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his _____ evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed" (James 1:13-14).

It's a graphic image, isn't it?! When we are tempted to sin, it is the combination of _____ own evil desires and the _____ himself dragging us away from the good.

"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the _____ prowls around like a roaring _____ looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

But deliver us from evil

We must not underestimate or overestimate the power of _____ or of the evil _____.

Satan means "_____ " of God and His people.

The devil wears many _____; he rarely opposes us directly.
_____ we ask Him to, God will deliver us from evil.

"Believers who have had the experience of the ways of Satan know there are certain _____ when he will most probably make an attack, just as at certain seasons bleak winds may be expected; thus the Christian is put on a double guard by fear of _____, and the danger is averted by preparing to meet it." (Charles Spurgeon)

How Jesus Was Tempted and Delivered (Mt 4:1-11)

"Then Jesus was led by the _____ into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, He was _____" (vv. 1-2).

"The _____ came to Jesus and said: '____ you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become _____.' Jesus answered, 'It is _____: Man does not live on bread alone, but on every _____ that comes from the mouth of God (Deuteronomy 8:3)'" (vv. 3-4).

"Then the _____ took Jesus to the holy city and had Him stand on the highest point of the temple. '____ you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is _____: He will command His angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a _____ (Psalm 91:11-12).'" Jesus answered him, 'It is also _____: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the _____ (Deuteronomy 6:16)'" (vv. 5-7).

"____, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 'All this I will _____ you,' he said, '____ you will bow down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, '_____ from me, Satan! For it is _____: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him _____ (Dt 6:13)'" Then the devil _____ Him, and angels attended Him" (vv. 8-11).

Takeaways

"Woe to those who call evil _____ and good _____,
who put darkness for light and light for darkness,
who put bitter for _____ and sweet for _____" (Isaiah 5:20).

"A holy character does not _____ temptation - Jesus was tempted. When Satan tempts us, his sparks fall upon tinder; but in Christ's case, it was like striking sparks on water; yet the enemy _____ his evil work. Now, if the devil goes on striking when there is no result, how much _____ will he do it when he knows what flammable stuff our hearts are made of." (Spurgeon)

The One who taught us _____ to pray knows _____ to both fight temptation and defeat the evil one.

Three things to do when you sense evil

- #1 R _____ to pray
- #2 R _____ it for what it is
- #3 R _____ / R _____ the devil with Scripture



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