

When We Pray, Pray This Way

#6: Bread & Forgiveness, Yes, but also
Do Not Forget Temptation

Matthew 6:13a

The challenge of temptation.

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“^{13a} And do not lead us into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.”

“Temptation”

James 1:13

“¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am being tempted by God’; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.”

James 1:2-3

“² Consider it all joy, my brethren,
when you encounter various trials,
³ knowing that the testing of your
faith produces endurance.”

Evil

Consequently, evil is all
the work of the evil one.

Ephesians 6:12

“¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

I Peter 5:8

“⁸ Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

I John 2:15-17; 3:13; 4:4-5

“¹⁵ Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷ The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.”

“^{3:13} Do not be surprised, brethren, if the world hates you.”

“^{4:4} You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them.”

Romans 7:23

“²³ But I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.”

Galatians 5:17

“¹⁷ For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.”

Self-Distrust

“Satan”

I Samuel 29:4

“⁴ But the commanders of the Philistines were angry with him, and the commanders of the Philistines said to him, ‘Make the man go back, that he may return to his place where you have assigned him, and do not let him go down to battle with us, or in the battle he may become an adversary to us. For with what could this man make himself acceptable to his lord? Would it not be with the heads of these men?’”

I Kings 5:4

“⁴ But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune.”

II Samuel 19:22

“²² David then said, ‘What have I to do with you, O sons of Zeruiah, that you should this day be an adversary to me? Should any man be put to death in Israel today? For do I not know that I am king over Israel today?’”

Job 1:6

“⁶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.”

It is not so very far a step from
stating a case against a man to
making up a case against a man.

1. From all eternity and by the completely wise and holy purpose of his own will, God has freely and unchangeably ordained whatever happens. This ordainment does not mean, however, that God is the author of sin (he is not), that he represses the will of his created beings, or that he takes away the freedom or contingency of secondary causes. Rather, the will of created beings and the freedom and contingency of secondary causes are established by him.

**“Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil”
means acknowledging our
utter dependence upon God.**

**All of us have weak spots,
which without a guard
posted, can lead to ruin.**

**This part of the prayer
reminds us that
we are engaged in a war
24 hours a day.**

**When we pray
“do not lead us into temptation,
but deliver us from evil”,
we also declare that we submit to
His Word
which is our protection from sin.**