

Lesson #7

Lord's Prayer

Protection from Temptation

Introduction

- Text: **“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”**^[d] Or, The Evil One
- Recognition of the presence of temptation and evil
- ongoing spiritual struggles
- Both temptation and evil are against God’s nature,

AN EMPHATIC PLEA

- Do not lead us—Perhaps we can think of “kicked out” in Mark’s temptation story of Jesus (Mark 1:12)
- Do lead us
- Belief in God’s direct involvement

“US” DIMENSION

- **Communal dimension of accountability**
- **Community dimension in Matthew**

TEMPTATION & EVIL

- Jesus' own temptation story sets the stage (**Matthew 4:1-11**)
- Temptation in the rest of Matthew

Temptation in Matthew

- **Matthew 18:7**--[*Temptations to Sin*] “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!

Temptation in Matthew

- **Matthew 26:41**--Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Raises question--evil

- πονηρὸς (ponēros) Evil, Bad
- **Matthew 5:11**--all kinds of *evil* against
- **Matthew 5:37**--anything beyond these *is of evil*.
- **Matthew 5:39**--do not resist *an evil* person; but whoever

Temptation in Rest of NT

- **Galatians 6:1**—both ways
- **1 Thess. 3:5**—fear of tempter
- **1 Timothy 6:9**—riches tempt
- **Hebrews 2:18**—Jesus helps
- **Hebrews 4:15**—Jesus tempted
- **James 1:13**—no excuses!

"BUT" STRONG CONTRAST

- **Recognition of what God can do**
- **Strong contrast with earlier petition**

DELIVERANCE EXPECTED

- Notice how Jesus was delivered
- Quote in the temptation from the Psalm about deliverance
- Deliverance theme part of covenant identity
- Paul's reminder of temptation: **1 Corinthians 10:1-13.**

FROM THE EVIL ONE

- Evil can be translated Evil One
- Evil One is probably the better way to go
- Recognizes personal being of Satan as the evil one
- Jesus certainly recognized Satan as the evil one

Conclusion

- **We need protection from temptation**
- **This emphatic plea comes from the community of faith**
- **Evil is real, and Satan is busy at work promoting it.**

Conclusion

- **Satan also tries to get us to fall to temptation and participate in evil.**
- **Since Jesus was delivered from temptation, we look to Him for our strength and perseverance.**