

Sermon Outline

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: Matthew 4:1-11 (page. 1376); Romans 8:28-39 (page. 1610)

"The Lord's Prayer"

1. Our Father in heaven
Big Idea #1: your picture of God determines how you pray
2. Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven
Big Idea #2: we pray for our Father's concerns before we pray for our situation
3. Give us today our daily bread
Big Idea #3: the biggest obstacle to prayer is self-sufficiency
4. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us
Big Idea #4: the way God treats us must shape the way we treat others
5. *Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*
6. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever: Amen

The Big Idea: God never short-changes us

1. Matthew 4:1-11 in detail ...

(v1) Jesus' temptation is not a surprise to God

(vv2-4) Temptation #1: settling for less than what God promises in His Word

Matthew 3:16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Q. When are you most susceptible to temptation?

(vv5-7) Temptation #2: doubting that God is trustworthy

Matthew 26:53 Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"

(vv8-10) Temptation #3: wanting God's gifts - but not given his way

Q. WHY does God do it this way?

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Hebrews 2:10 In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered.

(v11) God is always with us

"Deliver us from evil" vs "Deliver us from the Evil One"

2. What resources does God provide?

i. each other

Galatians 6:1 Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ² Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

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ii. the promises in His Word

Ephesians 1:13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, **the promised Holy Spirit**, ¹⁴ **who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance** until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

1 Corinthians 15:20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, **the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep**.

Heb 7:23 Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; ²⁴ but because **Jesus lives forever**, he has a permanent priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore **he is able to save completely** those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Heb 10:19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by **a new and living way** opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,

Rom 8:32 **He who did not spare his own Son**, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

For discussion: which promises of God mean the most to you? Why?