

Sermon Quotes
September 9, 2007
Living in the Good of the Gospel
Learning From Jesus How To Pray Pt. 4

Mat 6:9-13

- (9) Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
- (10) Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
- (11) Give us this day our daily bread,
- (12) and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- (13) And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Point # 1 - Recognizing our Daily Need for God's Protection.

Forces of Evil according to Scripture –

1. The World
2. The Flesh
3. The Devil

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 "Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall..."

What is the **topic** of Paul's concern?

"...No **temptation** has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

1 John 2:15-16 ESV "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world."

Romans 12:2 "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind..."

"There is a restless craving in the human heart for something better than this world can give. There are aching voids; deep, yawning chasms in the soul of man, which the world and all its tinsel pleasures can never fill. The world is ever clouding and coloring the future with the prospect of a happiness which the present denies. The worldling will cleave to the world as the center of his system. The world holds out its happiness as consisting in earthly things. Lured and dazzled, the worldling pursues a phantom. But each successive failure more painfully convinces him that all here in this life is a delusion. Happiness—the object of his life search—remains as far from him as ever."

—John MacDuff, 1861

James 1:13-16 “Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am being tempted by God,’ for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. (14) But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. (15) Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. (16) Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.”

John 10:10 “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy...”

John 8:44 ESV “... He (the devil) was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

2 Corinthians 11:14-15 “...For even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.”

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 “And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

“Satan has highly exalted himself, and greatly prevailed. He is vastly superior in his natural capacity and abilities to mankind. He was originally one of the highest ranked creatures, but proudly exalted himself in rebellion against God in heaven...And he prevailed to draw away vast multitudes of the heavenly hosts into an open rebellion against God...And after he was cast down from heaven, he proudly exalted himself in this world, and prevailed to do great things. By his subtle temptations he secured the fall of our first parents, and so brought about the ruin of our whole race...And after that, he drew away all nations, except the posterity of Jacob, from the worship of the true God, and darkened all the world with heathenism, and held them under this darkness for a great many ages...”

—Jonathan Edwards

“Scripture is clear that Satan hates God, hates people, and maliciously seeks to destroy all that God would seek to accomplish. One danger, however, is to overestimate Satan's power and deify him through constant meditation on his activities. Satan is more like us than he is like God. He is a created being, is limited in knowledge, and can only be in one place at any given time. He does not threaten God or rival Him in any way.”

—Mark Mullory

*“It was not the will of the infinitely wise and holy Governor of the world that things should remain in this confusion, under this reign of evil, which had prevailed and exalted itself to such a great height. But God had a design of subduing it, and delivering His elect from it, and exalting them to possess the greatest good, and to reign in the highest glory, out of a state of bondage to all these evils. And **He chose his Son as the person most fit** for this undertaking, a task infinitely too great for any mere*

creature. And He has undertaken the work of our redemption. And though these evils are so many and so great, and have prevailed to such a degree, and have risen to such a height...yet wherever they have exalted themselves, Christ—in His work of redemption— **appears above them**. He has **gloriously prevailed** against them all, and brings them under his feet, and rides forth in the chariots of salvation over their heads, leading us in triumph. He appears in this work **infinitely higher and mightier than all of them**, and sufficient to carry his people above them, and to utterly destroy them all.”

—Jonathan Edwards