

The Sixth Petition



Opening Prayer

Father, dear Father, deliver me from the horrible temptations that would drag me away from your Word, your name, your kingdom and your will; for I am so weak that by myself I will run headlong into them, then live in them, and finally perish forever. Do not abandon us in temptation, and do not let any temptation beyond our strength befall us, but send us your Spirit to defend us in every temptation. Amen.

Introduction

Note that as has been said before, if the previous petitions come true, then this one will also. We ask God to grant us the strength to avoid the things that work against all for which we have prayed in the previous petitions. Jesus teaches us to escape the horrible prospect of committing sin by asking God to be the kind of God that he is, a God who takes no delight in sin, a God whose nature recoils from sin, a God who is not like us. Asking God to be God provides us with a firm foundation of confidence as we pray and as we face our temptations.

In this lesson we are going to consider things that are more than just tempting. We're going to be studying about situations that come into our lives almost every day—situations that tempt us to sin. Our main question is **Lesson Aim:** What are we asking God to do when we pray the Sixth Petition?

Part One

Read Genesis 3:1-6.

1) The serpent is Satan. How did he get Eve to doubt what God had said?

Read Matthew 4:1-11.

2) Satan is the devil. When we read in the Bible that someone said "It is written" that means that they are quoting the Bible. Who in this story quotes the Bible?

3) Eve and Jesus were tempted by _____ .

Read Job 2:7-9. (For full context read all of chapters 1 and 2.)

4) Satan had also been tempting Job and trying to get him to curse God, but who in verse 9 is the one tempting Job?

Read Genesis 39.

5) What was Joseph being tempted to do?

6) Did he do it?

7) Joseph was tempted by _____ .

Read 2 Samuel 11:2-5, 14-17. (For full context read chapter 11 through 12:24, and also Psalm 51.)

8) What was David's first sin against Bathsheba? What was David's first sin with Bathsheba?

9) What was David's second sin against Uriah to cover up the first sin?

Read Luke 22:39-46, 54-60. (For fuller context read verses 33-62.)

10) What Jesus says about temptation in verses 39-46?

11) What was Peter's sin?

12) David and Peter were tempted by _____.

KEY POINT 1 - We are lead into temptation by the devil, the world (people and things around us), and our own sinful nature.

What I've learned so far:



Part Two

Read Proverbs 1:10, 12:26, 30:8-9.

1) What is temptation?

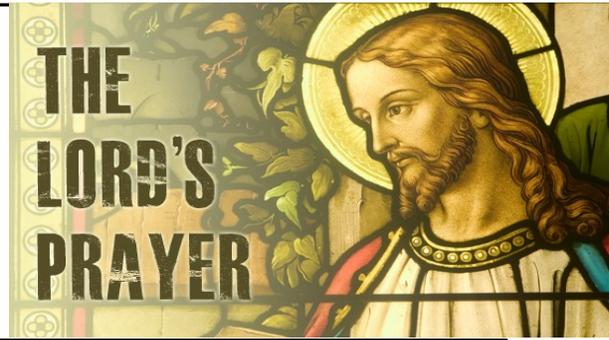
Read James 1:13-15.

2) If we are born sinful, does that mean that God made us sinful?

KEY POINT 2 - Temptation is any situation in which we may be led into false belief, despair, or other great and shameful sins.

What I've learned so far:

Main point – In the sixth petition we ask God to lead us in our lives, keep temptations from us and help us so we are not overcome by temptations that might lead us to sin.



To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen. - Jude 24-25

Final Considerations:

- 1) From all the stories in Part One, which people do you think were glad they did what they did? What did they all have in common?
- 2) If someone claims that they just cannot help but sin in a certain way because they were born that way, what would you tell them?
- 3) God doesn't tempt us, but he does allow us to be tested.
 - a. Give an example of this from the Bible.
 - b. Give an example of this from something you've seen in your life.
- 4) Temptation is ____ .
 - a. an attempt to get us to believe falsely
 - b. an attempt to get us to behave wrongly
 - c. both of the above



Agree or disagree:

- 5) The older Christians get, the more easily they can overcome temptations.
- 6) The devil and his demons try to tempt believers more than unbelievers.

Write your expounded version of the Sixth Petition.

Commit to Memory:

- The Sixth Petition
(With *What Does This Mean?*)

What I've learned about the Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer: