

Deliver us from the Evil One

The Lord's Prayer – Part 8
Sermon 22 in the Matthew Series

Matthew 6:13

Wm Hendricksen (paraphrased) – “If it be your will, do not permit us, weak as we are by nature and prone to sin, to enter into temptation, which if left to ourselves, would expose us to temptation and cause us to fall.”

Today -- is the request to deliver us from the evil of the temptation that would cause us to sin.

I. Evil or the Evil One?

Isaiah 5:20 -- Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Calvin makes the point that it doesn't matter which way we take it – since both would be true. However -- this is the same construction as **5:37**. (Father of lies)

II. The Downward Path of Sin -- 2 Cor. 2:5-11

Disappointment – Discouragement – Despair – Doubt – Disbelief

III. Waging Spiritual Warfare -- 1 Peter 5:8-9

A. The Call to Spiritual Warfare:

1. **Be sober** – 2nd person plural aorist active imperative -- Clear-headed
2. **Be vigilant** – 2nd person plural aorist active imperative -- Be wide awake

B. How to wage Spiritual Warfare

1. Resist – another *aorist active imperative* – like sober and vigilant
2. Stand Steadfast in the Faith

While our own personal faith is a part of this.
“The Faith” generally means “the objective truths of Scripture”.

IV. The Work of Satan

A. Satan as “the Accuser” of Job – Job 1 and 2

Literal Hebrew = “Adversary” LXX (Gk) translation = “Diabolus” or Devil.

Job 1:8-12; 1:20-22; 2:3; 2:4-6

B. Satan as the Christian’s Enemy -- 1 Peter 5:8-9

1. Our adversary – antidokos = enemy.
A relatively rare NT term for Satan.
The word comes from the Greek judicial system.
To put it in modern terms – it’s the guy suing you in court.
2. Devil = diabolos -- The name Bunyan chose for Satan in his book “The Holy War”.
Literally, the slanderer.
used 37 times in the NT.
33 of those times it refers to the person we know as the devil.
3. A Roaring Lion

C. Some of Satan’s “names” (descriptions) in the Bible.

1. Accuser of our brethren – Rev. 12:10 – (harassment of 1st century Christians)
2. Beelzebub – Matt. 12:24 – (name used by first century Jews)
3. Belial -- 2 Cor. 6:15
4. The Deceiver -- Rev. 12:9 – (leads the whole world astray)
5. The Evil One – 1 John 2:13
6. (Christ called him) The Father of Lies – John 8:44
7. (Paul recognized his power) The god of this age – 2 Cor 4:4
Doesn’t mean Satan rules the world.
Satan rules those who are of the world.
8. A Murderer from the Beginning – John 8:44
9. The Prince of this World – John 12:31
10. The Prince of the Power of the Air – Ephesians 2:2
11. The Tempter – Matthew 4:3

Final Applications

1. Negatively – do not let us go into temptation.
Keep us from its power – and do not let it overpower us.
2. Positively – deliver us from evil or the Evil One (the tempter)