

Matthew 6:13-14
The Weakling's Prayer

An appeal from weakness ...

I. Know Yourself

A. Secured

B. Vulnerable

II. Know Your Enemies

A. Self

B. Others

C. Satan

III. Know Your God

A. Your Keeper

B. Your Intercessor

C. Your Helper

... to the God of power and might.

Children, Listen ...

1. What is temptation?

2. Is being tempted a sin? How do you know that?

3. Why do we need to pray to be kept from temptation?

4. If we really want to keep from falling into sin, will God help us if we ask Him?

Give Me Strength

This last petition of the Lord's Prayer is an admission of weakness and an appeal to God's strength. Even though we are saved and secured if we are in Christ, we are still prone to give in to temptation. Our own hearts work against us, the world and the worldly tug at us, and the devil never ceases to work diligently behind the scenes. We need help on a daily basis as we face a barrage of temptations from within and from without. Sometimes we get hit in areas of weakness, sometimes where we are "strong." It is important for us to know how vulnerable we are and then to seek God's regularly to help us avoid personal danger zones, flee overt as well as subtle temptations, and to be wise and stand firm against the schemes of the devil. We can pray with confidence that God will keep us, that Jesus can sympathetically pray for us and that the Holy Spirit will help us. The question is, how serious are we about the pursuit of holiness in every area of our life? When we pray this prayer, we must be sincere in our desire to fall into sin of any kind, seeking the Lord's help and taking up the whole armor of God.