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Matthew 6:13

(V13A): “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”

Luke’s gospel is identical to what is written in here in Matthew.

My Father, which art in Heaven, please do not allow me to be led into a situation in which, I will be tempted to do evil, or to succumb to any temptation from the Wicked One to sin.

Heavenly Father...don’t allow me to be led to places (either in my mind and thoughts) or into BAD COMPANY, where I might fall into sin; don’t allow me to put myself into a compromising position where I will be “easy prey” for the devil to tempt me to sin.

1 Corinthians 15:33: “Be not deceived: evil communications (or BAD COMPANY will) corrupt good (or virtuous/holy) manners” (or habits)

Consider the two (2) parts of this final petition:

Lead me not into temptation; deliver me from evil.

This word “Temptation” here is not the same as when God proves/tries the faith of His children through trials or difficulties in this life.

Consider Genesis 22:1-2; here it is written that:

“God did TEMPT Abraham” in regard to his only son Isaac.

But Abraham was not being “tempted or solicited” by God to sin; he was (as the word TEMPT here means) being tried, proved, tested by the LORD, that He might know Abraham’s faith, reverence, and love toward God.

And, this trial, (like those that the Lord brings into your life Christian) was designed to strengthen Abraham’s faith in God and in His promises!

Remember, the LORD had already promised Abraham that He would multiply his seed through his son Isaac, whom he had long waited for; and whom He was NOW commanding to slay and sacrifice him.

Genesis 22:9-12, Hebrews 11:17-19, James 2:21-22

Bottom line: God’s trials in our lives strengthen our faith in Him; and they also have a sanctifying influence in our lives, driving us to greater dependence in & trust in God; in contrast, Satan’s temptations drive us away from God and to faithlessness and unbelief, but primarily to sin against God and to distrust His Word.

The petition of Matthew 6:13A is a specific request to our Father in Heaven to NOT lead us into temptations, of which the end result is to evil ways, ways of sin, and the snares and traps of Satan.

We know that one of Satan's names is the Tempter. *Matthew 4:1-3*

Satan's prime objective was to TEMPT Jesus to sin, and that's what his primary objective will be in your life, to get you to sin against God: NOTE:

"IF thou be the Son of God, command these stones to be made bread"

Jesus had fasted for 40 days, so the wicked one TEMPTED Him to satisfy His hunger....Don't trust God, take matters into your own hands. IF you are actually the Son of God turn these stones into bread and satisfy your hunger pains WITHOUT GOD. BE YOUR OWN MAN! DON'T DEPEND ON GOD! Jesus answered, IT IS WRITTEN!

Next: The Tempter took the Lord Jesus to view the Holy City and used the scriptures to try and tempt the Jesus to sin. *(V5-7); Psalm 91:11-12*

But the Lord would NOT tempt God by foolishly/presumptuously casting Himself down to His own hurt, and so would NOT succumb to the wicked one's temptations!

Next: Then the devil showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them, offered them to Jesus if He would worship Satan. *(V8-10)*

Satan is the god of this world; the Prince of the power of the air; but although Satan is the god of this world, BUT worship is for One, God Only! Him ONLY shalt thou serve!

Matthew 4:11: "Then the devil left him, (DEFEATED, I might add) and, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him"

The devil completely failed to CAUSE Jesus to sin; not find anything even close to a blemish in His perfect life. Understand that the TEMPTATIONS of Satan ARE NOT SIN! It is only when we yield to temptations that we have sinned; whether they be the temptations of the world, (which are designed by Satan); or by Satan himself when he casts fiery darts into your mind. I love this statement of Christ which was only days from His cross!

John 14:30: "Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me"

He has found NOTHING in me; he has no claim on my life, he cannot accuse me of EVEN ONE SIN! He has NOTHING!

Listen Christian; it is important to study the temptation of Christ, for in EVERY WAY that the devil tempted Christ; the devil is going to tempt you.

He is going to find your weaknesses and tempt you to NOT trust God; to NOT believe the promises of the Word of God, which are written for YOU and to YOU; and then, he is going to play to your affections for the world.

Here is our petition to our Heavenly Father: Lead me NOT into these temptations; but deliver me from evil!

Genesis 3:1-6, 1 John 2:15-17, James 1:12-15

Deliver me from the evil in the world that is lurking all about; let me NOT fall into ANY SIN; deliver me from the wicked thoughts that (at times) come out of my own heart! Psalms 139:23-24

In regard to the wicked one, the tempter, the god of this world:

It is so important for every one of you as children of God to KNOW YOUR ENEMY!
KNOW HIS METHODS! 2 Corinthians 2:6-11

Satan's temptation here was, DON'T trust his repentance; don't forgive him!

2 Corinthians 11:3, Ephesians 6:10-18, 1 Peter 5:6-9, James 4:7

Heavenly Father, Lead me NOT into temptation, but deliver me from evil.