

HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a

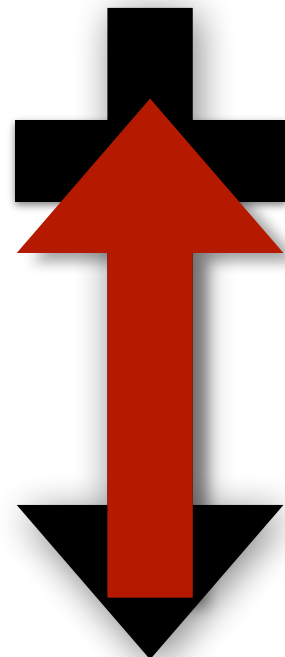


Talking about The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

And lead us not into temptation. What does this mean?

God tempts no one to sin, but we pray in this petition that He would so guard and preserve us, that the devil, the world, and our own human nature may not deceive us nor lead us into error and unbelief, despair and other great and shameful sins; but when tempted, we may finally prevail and gain the victory.



316 What kind of temptation does the Bible speak about?

The Bible speaks of two kinds. There are the trials or tests from God which he allows to come to me to strengthen my faith; and there are the enticements to do evil which come to me from Satan, the world, and my own human nature.

317 In what way is the word *temptation* used in the Sixth Petition?

In this petition the word *temptation* means *enticements to do evil*.

318 How does Satan tempt you?

Satan tempts me by trying to deceive me into distrusting God.

319 How does the world tempt you?

The world tempts me by pressures, intimidation, enticements, and bad examples to live for myself without considering God or His Word.

Proverbs 1:10 "My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent."

James 4:4b "Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."

1 John 2:15-16 "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 of life—is not from the Father but is from the world."

320 What do you mean by the world?

The world is not the physical world in which I live, but the satanic kingdom made up of all who oppose God and which is ruled by Satan.

Ephesians 6:12 "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

