

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.

321 How does your human nature tempt you?

My own human nature tempts me by evil desires of all kinds.

James 1:14 "But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire."

322 What do you mean by your human nature?

By human nature I do not mean my physical body, which is created by God, but my inner self, which is fallen and naturally wants to sin.

Romans 8:5 "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit."

323 Can you ever be free from temptation in this world?

No, not as long as Satan, the world, and my own human nature tempt me to sin.

324 How can you prepare yourself to face temptation?

I can prepare myself to face temptation by hiding God's Word in my heart, by praying, by occupying myself with worthwhile activities, by feeding my mind with good and creative ideas, and by choosing friends who are good examples.

Philippians 4:8-9 "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you."

Psalms 119:9, 11 "How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

