

Lead Us Not into Temptation, but Deliver Us from the Evil One

In the fifth petition of the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." Some Bible translations present slight variations like "save us from the time of trial" or simply translate the second half as "deliver us from evil." Perhaps you've wondered, "Why do we need to ask God not to lead us into temptation? Is that something he does?" Join us as we study Scripture passages that assure us that God is indeed good and does *not* lead us into temptation. We'll also discuss the nature of sin, what temptation is, and how it plays out in our lives. Together, we'll clarify the meaning of evil, we'll remember that Jesus has already won the spiritual battle with evil, and we'll see how praying this petition helps us remember our own identity and purpose.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- What is one temptation you experienced this week?
- In what ways have you experienced God's deliverance from temptation?



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READ [Matthew 6:13](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- In segment 1, Darrell and Scott establish that God is good and does not tempt his people (James 1:12). What then did they say is meant when we pray, "Lead us not into temptation"?
- When you give in to temptation, who do you blame? Did the Devil make you do it? What is your responsibility when it comes to temptation?
- Think about the times you've been tempted. Would you agree that all temptation finds its source in the Serpent's words, "Did God really say"? Why or why not?
- In the second segment, Scott mentions "The moment of maybe." Can you identify how temptations you've encountered started with "the moment of maybe"?
- You have been delivered from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light. Temptation always leads us back into the kingdom of darkness. How can you remind yourself that you are a child of the light?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Genesis 3](#), [Matthew 4](#), [Hebrews 4:14-16](#), [James 1:12-15](#), [Ephesians 6:12-16](#)

CONCLUSION

Praying for deliverance from temptation and evil is a daily practice. Use these prompts to get you started:

- Heavenly Father, thank you for being the God of light in whom no darkness can dwell. When I'm tempted to _____, I want to run back to you.
- Loving God, I confess that I'm too comfortable with temptation. Instead of being repulsed by evil, I flirt with it. Help me to see evil for what it is and be amazed by your grace.
- Wise God, when I'm confronted with a choice between good and evil, give me the wisdom to choose what is right and remind me that Jesus sympathizes with my weakness.

May the God of all light grant you the strength to say "no" to temptation and say "yes" to the promises he has made to you by the Holy Spirit in Jesus Christ.

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