

Amen

The Lord's Prayer (Part III) Lesson 15

The Sixth Petition

The sixth petition is "AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION."

In this petition we ask God to keep us so securely in his care that we will not be tempted to forsake Him and do evil. We ask Him to guard our faith so that we will not lose our trust in Him.

What are some things that you believe tempt people to give up on God and give themselves over to evil?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Temptations will come our way in this life. The key is not giving in to these temptations. Look up the following Bible verses for more insight into this petition.

Read I Peter 5:8,9. Who is our enemy? _____

What does he do? _____

Read Matthew 18:7. What two things are the cause of sin in this passage?

1. _____
2. _____

Read Galatians 5:17. What is contrary to the Spirit? _____

Who then are our spiritual enemies? Look on page 192 in *Luther's Small Catechism*.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

When we pray this petition, we ask God to strengthen us so we will not give in to temptations.

Read I Corinthians 10:12,13. What can we count on when temptation comes our way?

Now read Ephesians 6:11 & 17.

What "sword" do we have for our defense? _____

What can we do to help keep our faith strong?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

The Seventh Petition

The seventh petition is "BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL."

As Christians we are a target for the devil. Jesus was attacked by Satan and so were His disciples. We can expect the same to happen to us. Not only does Satan attack us. Who else attacks us?

The unbelieving _____

We are tempted to do evil from sources outside of ourselves and also from what other sources?

Sources _____ ourselves.

In this petition we are asking God to protect us from both kinds of evil. We want God to give us the resources to reject evil and choose what?

Read II Thessalonians 3:3. Who is faithful? _____

What will He do for us? _____

As we ask God to deliver us from evil, He is faithful to guard us. It is easy to misinterpret this protection as a shield against anything bad happening.

Read Acts 14:22. What will we go through? _____

Read II Corinthians 12:9. What is sufficient? _____

How is God's power made perfect? _____

Read Proverbs 3:11,12. Whom does God discipline? _____

People are often confused by the meanings of "evil" and "suffering."

Is suffering the same as evil? _____

When is suffering good? _____

In this petition we ask God to deliver us from _____, not from suffering.

Was Jesus' suffering evil? _____

Were the sins that caused His suffering evil? _____

What is the result of Jesus' suffering? _____

Is this a good result or an evil result? _____

Finally, in this petition we pray to be delivered from evil. We usually think of this as protection against the evils we encounter in our lives. However, there is a larger scope to this petition than this.

Read II Timothy 4:18. Where will God take us to safety? _____

The ultimate deliverance from evil will come when we die and go to heaven. There will be no evil there and no suffering. Read Revelation 21:4.

There will be no more what? _____

This is total deliverance from evil and all its consequences.

Conclusion to the Lord's Prayer

The conclusion to the Lord's Prayer is "FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER AND EVER."

AMEN."

Whose kingdom is being spoken about? _____

There are three parts to the conclusion. It says that (1) God's is the kingdom, (2) God's is the power, and (3) God's is the glory.

Match the following to the correct part from the conclusion to the Lord's Prayer.

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| ____ 1. Nothing is impossible for God. | A. Thine is the kingdom |
| ____ 2. As we are forgiven and strengthened in faith, we praise and glorify God's name. | B. Thine is the power |
| ____ 3. God is the king and ruler of all. | C. Thine is the glory |
| ____ 4. .God is more powerful than any earthly government. | |
| ____ 5. The kingdom belongs to God. | |

We can count on God to answer our prayers. Our faith in Jesus and His work on the cross is the key.

Read James 1:17. Does God change? _____

Read Ephesians 3:20,21. God is so powerful He can do _____ than we ask or imagine.

The conclusion to the Lord's Prayer is also a doxology. This doxology is a pledge.

In this pledge to whom do we give our allegiance? _____

What does the "forever and ever" tell us? _____

Look on page 195 in *Luther's Small Catechism*.

What does "Amen" mean? _____

What does it emphasize? _____

We also pray many other prayers in our life with the Lord. We must be sure at the end of

these prayers to say and mean "Not my will but Thine be done."

