

JESUS ON PRAYER – 6
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MATTHEW 6:13a

The Lord's Prayer is a model prayer revealing prayer principles. It begins and ends with praise and in between it's about us. "Give us, forgive us, lead us and deliver us!"

PRINCIPLE OF PROTECTION

This passage has been difficult to understand because of **MATTHEW 4:1** How can Jesus say "lead us not," when He was led by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil?

HELPFUL OBSERVATIONS

1. Who is the tempter?
 - A. **MATTHEW 4:1-3, 1 THESSALONIANS 3:5** – The answer is Satan.
2. Does God tempt us with evil? **JAMES 1:12-14**
 - A. Endure means to remain firm without giving in to pressure.
 - B. Drawn away means to bait, lure or coax. **ACTS 5:3-4**
 - C. God is not the one soliciting us to do evil. He's not the force behind temptation.
3. Does God lead us into temptation?
 - A. God placed man in the garden to prove or test his loyalty. God did not put pressure on him to sin, Satan did! The Spirit led Jesus to the place, but Satan tempted Him.
 - B. **DEUTERONOMY 8:2-3** – God placed them in the wilderness to test or prove their loyalty, but He didn't pressure them to make bad choices. **DEUTERONOMY 1:2** The trip was a 40-year trek! The devil uses our flesh to draw us away from God's will.
 - C. The garden, mountain and wilderness represent places where their faith was tested, not where God pressured them to give in. God didn't point out the tree while daily speaking with Adam.
4. Boundaries and escape routes. **1 CORINTHIANS 10:13**
 - A. Satan can't use methods beyond our ability to resist.
 - B. God provides escape routes. **2 PETER 2:9**
5. Our part is prayer.
 - A. **MATTHEW 26:41** – Being watchful and prayerful can prevent us from entering in and giving in to temptation.
 - B. **PSALMS 119:133 (NLT)** We could call this a companion text with **MATTHEW 6:13**. "Guide my steps by your Word" and "lead us not into temptation."
6. God wills our protection from evil. **GALATIANS 1:3-4**
 - A. **JOHN 17:15** – Jesus prayed for our protection from evil because He understands temptation. **HEBREWS 2:18 (NKJV, AMPC)**. He has empathy toward those who are tempted.
 - B. **HEBREWS 4:14-16** – Jesus offers mercy when we fail, and grace to keep us from failing.

CONCLUSION:

The principle of protection involves our daily asking the Father to guide us along life's path so as to protect us from giving in to temptation and every evil way.