

# Twenty FIRST CENTURY Worship

## Worship Through Prayer: PART 4

Matthew 6:9-13

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In Jesus's prayer we see three direct requests from God: (1) Provide for our needs, (2) Forgive us our sins and lead us to forgive others, (3) Deliver us from temptation and Satan.

### **“Lead Us Not into Temptation” – My Responsibility to Ask My Father for Strength During Temptation**

*“For all that is in this world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world” ~ 1 Jn 2:16*  
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*“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil...” ~ Matt 4:1-11*

Jesus's temptations follow the three areas we all deal with today: Lust of the flesh, pride of life, and lust of the eyes.

1. Lust of the flesh – seeking to satisfy physical needs in an ungodly way (See Gal 5:16-21, Rom 1:24-32, Eph 4:25-32)  
(Satan tempted Jesus to selfishly use His power food to satisfy His hunger NOT depend on God – Matt 4:3-4)
2. Pride of Life – seeking personal power and gain for selfish reasons and seeking the praise of the world instead of praising God (seeking to get credit for things that God did, desiring to feel valued through inward self-actualization, desiring power or position to brag and build oneself up – Satan did this because he wanted to be God - Isa 14:14)  
(Satan tempted Jesus to use His power for personal gain NOT to serve others – Matt 4:5-7)
3. Lust of the eyes – desiring to possess what we see in an ungodly way or desiring things that belong to someone else (coveting money, possessions, or physical things in the world, not God) (Satan tempted Eve with forbidden fruit “pleasing to the eye” - Gen 3:6)  
(Satan tempted Jesus to enjoy His kingdom DISOBEYING God's will of crucifixion for the sin of the world – Matt 4:8-10)

### **What We Know About Temptation**

1. Temptation is a real part of a Christ followers' everyday life because Satan is a real person. He never stops attacking Christ followers.

2. Temptation appeals to the flesh, is rooted in the world, and seeks to satisfy godly needs in an ungodly manner.
3. God sometimes allows temptation to test our relationship with Him. Therefore, we must ask God to give us strength to overcome temptation.

### **“Deliver us from the Evil One” – My Responsibility to Ask My Father to Give Me Strength to Resist the Devil**

1. Satan has the same goal for every follower of Christ – steal, kill, destroy  
Steal your joy, kill your faith, destroy your witness
2. No one can defeat Satan without God’s help and the Holy Spirit’s power

### **“For Yours is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory Forever, Amen”**

The prayer begins and ends with God. Jesus acknowledges God as our Father and ends with the reality that everyone on this planet exists for His kingdom, under His power, and for His glory.

### **Practical Prayer as We Worship Our Father**

1. Lead Us Not into Temptation
  - a. Father, give me strength and power to overcome the temptations I face every day.
  - b. Father, keep my focus on you as I pray daily and spend time in the Word
  - c. Call Scripture to my mind as a way to overcome temptation
2. Deliver us from the Evil One
  - a. Satan seeks to kill, steal, and destroy. Father, guard my heart from Satanic attack by keeping my heart pure.
  - b. Father, allow my life to be a witness to you every day. Give me opportunities to counter Satanic attack with peace, joy, and love.