

*Oakland Church of Christ
Sermon Series*

*The Lord's Prayer - A
Transformed Life Through
Prayer*

*Lead Us Not Into Temptation
Matthew 6:13*



Temptation

- **Psalms 141:4** - Do not let my heart incline to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds in company with men who work iniquity, and let me not eat of their delicacies!
- **1 Corinthians 10:13** - No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

And Lead Us Not Into Temptation

- **Matthew 6:13 (a)** - And lead us not into temptation

God Tempts No One

- **James 1:12-15** - Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. 13 **Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.** 14 **But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.** 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

But Deliver Us From Evil

- **Matthew 6:13(b)** - but deliver us from evil.

Temptation and Deliverance

1. Understanding Temptation
2. God's Guidance
3. Spiritual Warfare
4. Deliverance and Protection
5. Dependence of God

Understanding Temptation

- **Matthew 4:1-4** - Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,
“Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””

PRAY FOR STRENGTH AND DISCERNMENT

- **Matthew 26:40-41** - And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
- **Galatians 5:16-17** - But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

God's Guidance

- **Matthew 4:5-7** - Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,
“He will command his angels concerning you,’
and
“On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.””
⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

STUMPED?

ASK GOD

NOT GOOGLE

PRAY FOR DISCIPLINED STUDY AND GROWTH

- **Psalms 119:105** - Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- **Colossians 3:16-17** - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Spiritual Warfare

- **Matthew 4:8-9** - Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”



PRAY FOR COURAGE AND LEADERSHIP

- **Matthew 10:32-33** - So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.
- **1 Corinthians 16:13-14** - Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. 14 Let all that you do be done in love.

Deliverance and Protection

- **Matthew 4:9-10** - And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ““You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.””

PRAY FOR A STRONG FOUNDATION

- **Matthew 7:24-27** - “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

Dependence on God

- **Matthew 4:11** - Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

PRAY FOR RELIANCE ON GOD

- **1 Chronicles 16:11** - Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!
- **Matthew 11:28-30** - Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”