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Freedom from Hypocrisy in Prayer:  
“Lead Us Not Into Temptation”  
Matthew 6:13

- The Christian life is war against temptation
  - It was war for *Paul*
  - It was war for *John*
  - It was war for *Peter*
- First, the *nature of* temptation
  - Two meanings of the word used for temptation:
    - *Positively*, it is a *test from God*
    - *Negatively*, it is a *temptation from Satan*
  - Two passages where God tests and Satan tempts:
    - An example from *James 1:2-12*
    - An example from *Genesis 50:15-20*
- Two important scriptural truths from James 1:13:

- God can never *be tempted by evil*
- God can never *tempt anyone to do evil*
- Two examples of God leading His people into temptation:
  - The temptation of *Jesus*
  - The temptation of *Job*
- Two questions the temptation of Job raises:
  - Why can't *God lead us into temptation to prove our faith?*
  - Why can't *Satan tempt us to see if our faith is real?*
- Two differences between Peter and Judas in their temptations:
  - Peter *had genuine faith*, Judas did not
  - Peter *was prayed for by Jesus*, Judas was not
- Second, the *petition concerning* temptation
  - Two possibilities concerning the meaning of the

petition, “Lead us not into temptation:

- The petition can be *hypothetical*
- The petition can be *real*
  
- Three reasons why God might lead us into temptation:
  - God might lead us into temptation to *strengthen our faith*
  - God might lead us into temptation to *prove our true sonship*
  - God might lead us into temptation to *show His glorious power*

## References

- 2 Timothy 4:7
- 1 Timothy 1:18
- 1 Timothy 6:12
- 2 Timothy 2:4
- 2 Corinthians 10:4-5
- Ephesians 6:10-20
- 1 John 2:13-14
- 1 John 5:4
- 1 Peter 2:11
- 1 Peter 5:8
- 1 Peter 4:12-13
- Genesis 22:1

- James 1:2-12
- James 1:12
- Genesis 50:15-20
- Genesis 3:15
- Matthew 4:1
- Mark 1:12
- Job 1:9-12
- Luke 8:13
- Luke 22:31-32
- John 13:8
- Matthew 26:31-34
- John 17:9
- James 1:2-4
- Psalm 19:13