

Lead Us Not Into Temptation

Matthew 6:5-15

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I. God tests his people.

- A. Temptation and test: one term!
- B. Sometimes a “test” involves directly enticing to sin (Matthew 6:13; 26:41; Luke 4; 1 Corinthians 7:5; 10:13; 1 Thessalonians 3:5; 1 Timothy 6:9)
- C. Sometimes a “test” is more general (Exodus 17:7; Deuteronomy 6:16; Psalm 95:8; cf. Deuteronomy 33:8; Hebrews 3:8; Acts 5:9; 15:10; 20:19; 1 Corinthians 10:9 (don't put Christ to the test, as Israel did, cf. Numbers 21:4-9))
- D. Testing *will* happen, and it will take many forms:
- E. Testing is the “office” of the evil one. (see Matthew 13:19, 38; John 17:15; Ephesians 6:16)

II. Here's what we're praying: *that we will not crumble in the face of testing.*

- A. We are *not* praying that we will never be tested.
- B. May we not be ensnared! (see James 1:13-14; Psalms 38:12; 119:110; 124:7)

III. Escaping temptation and avoiding sin.

- A. Believe God's promise: you are not helpless. (1 Corinthians 10:13)
- B. Maintain your relationships. (1 Corinthians 7:5; Ephesians 4:26-27)
- C. Don't love money. (1 Timothy 6:9-10)
- D. Authority and the devil (1 Timothy 3:7; 2 Timothy 2:24-26)
- E. Be careful as you help others deal with *their* sins. (Galatians 6:1)

IV. Jesus Christ and temptation

- A. Eden and its sequel (Genesis 3; Luke 4:13)
- B. Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36ff.)
- C. The promise of the cross: we are not bound to be the way have been. (Romans 6:1-14; Hebrews 10:20)