

## Deliver Us from Evil

## Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 52a

1. A REAL CONFLICT: The sixth petition of the Lord's Prayer reminds us that we are engaged in a real spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and that we depend upon the Lord's protection.
  - a. The Lord's Prayer – much like all of the Psalms – is given to \_\_\_\_\_ us as we pray.
  - b. The sixth petition isn't just about asking for something from God (though it certainly is that); it's also about orienting us to a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ that it is easy to forget or neglect.
  - c. The Catechism highlights three \_\_\_\_\_ in particular: “the devil, the world, and our own flesh” (cf. Psalm 83).
  
2. A REAL ENEMY: This prayer forces to acknowledge something that we have every reason to believe the devil would rather we \_\_\_\_\_ – that we face real, personal, spiritual evil.
 

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:12)

  - a. Pharaoh's magicians (Exodus 7:8-13)
  - b. The medium of En-dor (1 Samuel 28)
  - c. Daniel's messenger delayed (Daniel 10:10-24)
  - d. Jesus casting out demons (Mark 5:1-20)
  - e. The dragon and the offspring of the woman (Revelation 12:17)
  
3. A REAL VICTORY: This prayer reminds us of \_\_\_\_\_ we are, living between the past victory of Christ and his future victory when he returns.
  - a. Jesus was aware that he was confronting \_\_\_\_\_ (John 12:20-36a, John 14:30-31, Luke 22:53).
 

Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ... Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. (John 12:27, 31)
  - b. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ that spiritual darkness by his death and resurrection (Colossians 1:15).
  - c. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to enable us to \_\_\_\_\_ in the strength of that victory (Luke 24:48).
 

and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (Ephesians 6:17)
  - d. The sixth petition is a fundamentally \_\_\_\_\_ prayer, because the Jesus who calls us to “hold the line” is the hero who has already gone ahead of us in battle and won the victory.