

Lord's Day 52a, Q. 127 -- Mark 14:26-42

Introduction

- I. Two questions
  - A. What do you think of the Devil? Is he a personal reality in your life?
  - B. What do you think of yourself? Are you strong, or weak in face of temptation?
- II. Important questions
  - A. Jesus teaches us to think of "the Evil one"
  - B. Often, we think too little of the Devil and too much of ourselves

**"Deliver Us from the Evil One"**

- I. A Mortal Danger
  - A. The threat of temptation
    - 1. The danger is not temptation itself, but falling into temptation
    - 2. The snare of temptation
  - B. The strength of Satan
    - 1. Who he is
    - 2. His army and allies (demons, the world, and our flesh)
    - 3. His strategies of deception and intimidation
  - C. Our own weakness
    - 1. The importance of recognizing it
    - 2. Seeing it reflected in Scripture
- II. A Power to Resist
  - A. Methods of resistance
    - 1. Sharing our burden of temptation with others
    - 2. Avoiding occasions of sin
    - 3. Memorizing Scripture that answers the devil
  - B. But, prayer is the chief weapon against temptation
    - 1. God himself does not tempt us.
    - 2. God is the sovereign of evil
    - 3. We are led into temptation for our good
- III. A Sure Answer
  - A. The certainty of an answer
    - 1. Jesus has overcome the dominion of sin
    - 2. God answered Jesus' prayer against temptation
    - 3. Jesus our intercessor knows our temptations
  - B. How God will answer this petition
    - 1. He'll not lead us into temptation
    - 2. He'll protect and deliver us when we are tempted
    - 3. Soon the battle will be over, the devil defeated