

**November 7/8, 2009**  
**God's Protection from Sin and Satan**

**Matthew 6:9-13** – "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in Heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in Heaven. 'Give us this day our daily bread. 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.'"

**Have you ever been discouraged by continual repeated temptations?**

**1) No prayer is complete that ignores our personal struggles and the huge invisible battle with Satan around us.** God does allow our testing, which reveals our need of external power. God does not tempt us but gives us this overcoming power.

**James 1:13; 1 Corinthians 10:13**

**2) Satan wants us kept in bondage so we don't complete our potential for the Kingdom of God.** Being defeated by temptations robs us of confidence in God's power to give us victory. Even Paul needed this part of the Lord's Prayer.

**Romans 7:24-25**

**3) Even though I don't have the personal power within me to overcome my temptations, God will grant me fresh power through the indwelling Holy Spirit to choose the following:**

**A. I have the power to agree with the Truth about my problems – this is confession.**

*1 John 1:9*

**B. I have the power to submit my inability to God – this is surrender.**

*James 4:7-10*

**C. I have the power to turn from the evil I find within me – this is repentance.** This does not mean I'll be perfect; it means that I can see my sinful parts that I want to change.

**2 Corinthians 7:10**

**D. My life will always be full of temptations, so I have the power to prepare for the tests that all of us confront daily – this is wisdom.**

*2 Timothy 2:15; Psalm 50:23*

**E. Even though Satan and evil are powerful influencers, I have the**

**power to choose God's loving control so I can actively demonstrate my influence for Christ's victory – this is confidence.**

*Romans 8:38-39*

**4) What did Jesus teach us as He taught us how to pray?**

**Praise:** God!

**Priorities:** On earth as it is in Heaven.

**Provision:** Our daily needs.

**Peace:** Forgiveness in and out for us.

**Purity:** Overcoming temptation.

**Protection:** God's control over evil.

**Discussion Questions:**

**1.** When you pray, do you currently face or ignore the spiritual battles? How are your prayers going to change?

**2.** Some temptations are big and some are small. Tell of a temptation you experienced and what you learned from the experience even in failure.

**3.** How can you prepare yourself to face temptation?

**4.** Using the Lord's Prayer as a model outline, how will your prayers change?