

***Intro:***

Sixth petition (Mt. 6:13a; Lk. 11:4b): READ WLC Q&A 195

Main Point of Text: Before Jesus returned to heaven, He asked God to keep His people unspotted by the world on earth.

Sermon Point: *Ask to be kept from doing evil.*

***Move 1: Many evils are working against your doing good.***

Explain: LC: “acknowledging ... that Satan, the world, and the flesh, are ready powerfully to draw us aside, and ensnare us;”: Mk. 4:18-19. These cares subtly suggested by Satan. 1 Chron. 21:1. Some translate “the evil” in Lord’s Prayer as “The Evil One”. Mt. 13:19, called “wicked one.” Thus, 1 Pet. 5:8-9.

***Move 2: And you are working against yourself to do good.***

*But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.* (Js. 1:14). LC: “acknowledging ... that we, even after the pardon of our sins, by reason of our corruption, weakness, and want of watchfulness, are not only subject to be tempted, and forward to expose ourselves unto temptations, but also of ourselves unable and unwilling to resist them, to recover out of them, and to improve them”: Rom 7:19-24. Mt. 26:61-79: Peter denied Christ three times before Christ’s face. Then wept bitterly. So do we. Like Peter, we are LC: “worthy to be left under the power of them”: Rom. 1: 28.

***Move 3: Yet God is working for you to do good so you learn and fall less.***

LC: “acknowledging, that the most wise, righteous, and gracious God, for divers holy and just ends, may so order things, that we may be assaulted, foiled, and for a time led captive by temptations”: 2 Chron 32:31: ... *God left [Hezekiah], to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.* Js. 1:13: God doesn’t tempt to sin. He tests through Satan’s tempting and trains. 2 Cor. 12:7. The point of the Lord’s Prayer: Don’t give in. Don’t give up.:

- LC: “we pray, that God would so overrule the world and all in it, subdue the flesh, and restrain Satan, order all things, bestow and bless all means of grace, and quicken us to watchfulness in the use of them, that we and all his people may by his providence be kept from being tempted to sin”. 1 Cor. 10:12: *Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.*
- LC: “or, if tempted, that by his Spirit we may be powerfully supported and enabled to stand in the hour of temptation.” Jude 24: God ... *is able to keep you from falling ...*

***Move 4: When you fall, God is working for you to stand back up and do good.***

LC: “or when fallen, raised again and recovered out of it, and have a sanctified use and improvement thereof: that our sanctification and salvation may be perfected”.

- J.G. Vos, improve: “learning lessons that they can teach us, being humbled by them, resolving to be more watchful in the future, and praying to God for increased grace to resist the devil.”
- 1 Thess. 5:23; 2 Cor 13:7; 1 Cor. 10:13; Rom. 8:31.

LC: “Satan trodden under our feet, and we fully freed from sin, temptation, and all evil, for ever.”:

- Rom 16:20; James 4:7; Lk. 22:31-32; John 17:15:
- He is getting ready to go back to heaven. Prays for Christians waiting on earth for His return.
- “world” in this context, “that which is hostile to God, lost in sin, ruined, depraved.”
- “keep”, “rescue/preserve”. Jesus prayed for you to not be overcome by the world’s temptations.
- “the evil” sometimes “The Evil One” (Deceiver). Jesus prays instead of being defiled, vs. 17.
- “Temptation” is “enticement to sin”.

***Conclusion:***

Instead, seek deliverance. “Deliver” could be “rescue”. Psalm 23:4. *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

WSC 106: *In the Sixth Petition ... pray, That God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.*

One of the means of rescue (Means of Grace) is the Lord’s Supper (1 Cor. 10:13ff). It affirms what you ask for in the Lord’s Prayer is developing and will come to eternal fruition: Ps. 138:8; Phil. 1:6.

As your prayer of the sixth petition is answered, so will you have: vss. 14/16 and vs. 13.

***Ask to be kept from doing evil.***