

Theology Simply Explained — WSC106 “Praying for Continual Deliverance from Indwelling Sin”

Pastor walks his children through Westminster Shorter Catechism question 106—especially explaining how we need continual deliverance from the evil of our sin, including providential assistance to keep it as weak as possible.

Q106. What do we pray for in the sixth petition? *In the sixth petition, which is, And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.*

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Our catechism question this week, because number one on six. What do we pray for in the sixth petition? The answer is in the sixth petition, which is and lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. We pray that god would either keep us from being tempted to sin.

Or support and deliver us. When we are tempted.

This part of the lord's prayer. The lord jesus continues. The The idea. In the fifth petition, which we Asked both to be forgiven. For continuing sin. And to be made. Forgivers. Of other sin against us and That we are encouraged. To ask, for forgiveness of sin because the only way we have ever forgiven someone else, From the heart.

Is by god, giving us new life, giving us faith in christ. And applying that to us. The forgiving heart and mind and righteousness of the lord jesus. But an asking that we would be forgiven. We remember that our sin continues. To offend against god. And then remembering that, we need to forgive when others sin against us.

We remember that. Not only does sin. Offend against god. But sin harms. And defends against other people. And this view of sin, Makes us.

Sorry. Um, And since we have this view of sin and since The spirit teaches us to have this view of sin and jesus teaches us to pray with this view of sin. We recognize that our remaining sin. Is offensive. And harmful. And we ask for god's help, not just with a view towards sin that we have committed, but we ask for god's help with a view towards sin that we Uh, Might but don't want to commit.

And yet we don't have it in ourselves. To not commit the sins and we know our weakness. We know that there are particular occasions. In which the sin that is in us. Takes advantage of us that there is In that remaining fleshliness. Desire for sin. So, when we say lead us not into temptation.

We're asking that the lord mercifully spare us. From those occasions. In which desire would be awakened. And come to life. And, Desire. Um, when it conceives Um, leads. To sin. You know, james chapter 1. Says that none of us can say. Uh, may say that god tempts us. So when we say lead us, not in temptation, we're not saying god might tempt us or god might not tempt us and we're asking him to not do the first one.

No, we're saying. We know. That we have that wickedness, that is in us. And that there are. Some situations. That in which we find ourselves more susceptible. To that wickedness. That is in us. And we are praying from the lord praying to the lord. That he would mercifully keep us out of those situations and yet, God in his wisdom.

Does. Permit and decree for us. Situations that. Um, The in which there are temptations. In fact, Uh, although some are more provoking and some are Are less provoking or maybe to put it more correctly in some situations, where more susceptible to sin and other situations were less susceptible. To listen, we were always susceptible to sin.

And so, when we ask him to deliver us from the evil, we're not just asking him. To deliver us from the evil. When we are tempted. In a severe way. By our remaining sin. But we are always tempted. In, at least a Um, Comparatively from the severe way. We're always tempted to some extent.

And so we always continually need god. To deliver us from the evil. That is in us. In fact. This is what we prayed in. The first and second and third petitions. We prayed that we would have on God's name. We prayed That. Not only would. We be kept in the kingdom of grace.

Which means? You know, don't let my sin overcome me. But we prayed that the kingdom of glory might be hastened, which means Deliver me not just a moment by moment from remaining sins and sinfulness. But deliver me at last from any remnant of my remaining sin, Uh, we prayed That we would be able to know and desire and do.

Uh, god's will. So, all of that is Deliver us. From the evil. Deliver us from evil. It is especially With a view to the evil. That remains. Than us. And so, there's an awareness here. As we come to the conclusion. Of the lord's prayer. Of the difference between us and god.

Next week in the conclusion to the Lord's prayer. Last catechism question. Uh, we will And i'll think about vine as the kingdom on the power and the glory forever. But this week in the sixth petition, we think about Not. What god is like forever. But what we are like for now Minus the sinfulness and the neediness and the weakness for now.

And so long as we, Are on this side of glory. We have that sin that is always with us. That is always tempting us. And we recognize that it's a mercy of god. To us. When he keeps us out of situations in which that sin is more likely to gain the upper hand.

And we ask not only for god's mercy with regards to keeping us out of those particular situations. But we ask for god's mercy to continually to attend us continually Because we are continually being tempted. So, The question is, what do we pray for in the sixth petition? And the answer is And the six petition, which is and lead us not to temptation.

But deliver us from evil, we pray. That god would either keep us from being tempted to sin. Or support and deliver us when we are tempted.