"Lead us not into temptation" Matt 6:13



Intro/Review

Our Father: Abba, Papa... intimate, good, good father... that's how we come to Him... as our Papa

Heaven / Holy Name: Our Papa but at the same time omnipotent, ruler of heaven and earth, omniscient, omnipresent... dwells in heaven, uses the earth as his footstool...

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"Give us this day our daily bread"

"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Php 4:19

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"Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"

We need to be forgiven and we need to forgive.

"And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one."

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. (James 1:13)

Temptation (peirasmos)

"Temptation" has two meanings. It can mean an enticement that has the goal of causing one to sin, or it can refer to a test or trial of the validity of one's faith.

"And do not lead us into the place of testing where a solicitation to do evil would tempt us to sin, but deliver us from the Pernicious One." (Wuest)

God has promised to keep us from any testing that is greater than what we can handle.

1Co 10:13

Ps 141:4

'Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil' is a prayer for protection.

When Jesus says to pray for protection, He is saying to pray that God leads you into those things that are only for your development

"This petition is a safeguard against presumption and a false sense of security and self-sufficiency. We know that we will never have arrived spiritually, and that we will never be free of the danger of sin, until we are with the Lord.

With Martin Luther we say, "We cannot help being exposed to the assaults, but we pray that we may not fall and perish under them." As our dear Lord prayed for us in His great intercessory prayer, we want, at all costs, to be kept from the evil one." (MacArthur)

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