

Prayer – Lead us not into temptation

Luke 11:1-4; Matt. 6:9-13; Psalm 91

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Place: Faith EBC

I. The battle before us,

1. We are waging war against this world's thinking, Rom. 7:5, 21-24; 8:6; 12:2; 1 John 2:15-16
2. We are waging war with our own evil desires, James 1:12-14; 4:5; Rom. 6; 12:1
3. We are waging war with an unseen realm, Col. 2:15; Eph. 6:10

We are not to wage war the way the world does, 2 Cor. 10:4-5.

II. God doesn't tempt anyone, see James 1:12-14

The word for tempt/test must be understood from a positive and negative perspective depending who is initiating the tempt/test.

Positive perspective – God does test our faithfulness.

Negative perspective – Satan does tempt us to see us fail.

III. God does test our faithfulness, see Prov. 17:3; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6-9

1. God tested Adam and Eve – Satan on the other hand wanted them to fail, Gen. 3.
2. God approached Cain and told him that he needed to overcome the temptation to sin, Gen. 4.
3. God tested Abraham, Gen. 22
4. God tested the nation of Israel, Ex. 15:25; 16:4; 20:20; Dt. 8:2-3, 16; 13:3
5. God tested Job, Job 1:8, 11-12
6. God allowed Peter to be sifted, Luke 22:31
7. God tested Paul, 2 Cor. 12:7
8. God told the church in Smyrna that they would be tested, Rev. 2:10

When people and nations don't act faithfully, God disciplines them, Heb. 12:5

1. God disciplined Saul, 1 Sam. 18:10-11
2. God disciplined Abimelech and Shechem, Judges 9:22-24
3. God disciplined the nation of Israel, 1 Chron. 21:1; Dan. 1:1-2

The Psalmists wanted to be tested – **read Psalm 26:2; 66:10; 139:23.**

IV. Recognizing our weakness in the midst of temptations, see Matt. 26:41

Read – Matt. 26:39, 42, 44; Heb. 12:2-4

V. Recognizing God's protection and provision in the midst of temptation, Psalm 91; 1 Cor. 10:1-13

1. The power of prayerful dependence, Luke 11:1-4; Eph. 6:18
2. The life of faith and faithfulness, trusting God's promises and obeying His commands, Josh 1:8; Prov. 3:5-6; John 14:21
3. To walk in the Spirit, thinking differently, 1 Cor. 2:12; Rom. 8:5-6, 13; 12:2; Gal. 5:16-25; Phil 2:5; 4:8