

Transformational Praying Pt. 8

“Lord, Teach us to Pray” Luke 11:4

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Prayer is foundational to understanding God’s Perspective! (Is. 55:6-8)

The middle of the Sermon on the Mount is specific instruction about how to practice “transformational” prayer. Jesus modeled this so often that his disciples asked him

“Lord, teach us to pray.” (Lk 11:1-4) Mt. 6:9 *“After this manner ...pray ye:”*

1. *“Our Father”* Prayer is based on a Personal Relationship!
2. *“Which art in heaven”*: Based on an Eternal Perspective.
3. *“hallowed be thy name”* : Based on an Powerful awareness!
4. *“Thy Kingdom Come”* Based on a Partisan Allegiance!
5. *“Thy Will Be done.”* Based on a Purposeful Submission.
6. *“Give us this day our daily bread”* Practical Provision.
7. *“Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.”* Vs 12

Allowing us to become purified channels of God’s Grace.

Part 8 *“Lead us not into Temptation”*

1. The Nature of Temptation peirasmos’ (21x) Prove, Tempt, Try:

A. 20x it’s translated Temptation.

- 1) It’s Satan’s nature to “Tempt” us to sin. (He’s called “The tempter” Mt 4:3; 1 Thes. 3:5)
- 2) Satan “tempts” in order to distract and Corrupt us!

B. 1x it’s translated “Try” (test, prove) 1 Peter 4:12 *“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:”*

- 1) It’s God’s nature to help develop us.
- 2) God tests in order to Cleanse us! 1 Peter 1:7
 - a) Abraham. Gen. 22
 - b) Job Job 23:10; 13:15

This is why James 1:2-4 encourages us to *“count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”*

2. The Promise of Temptation Jms 1:12 *“Blessed (supremely fortunate) is the man that endureth (remains under) temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.”*

A. If we endure (remain) in Satan’s temptation, we’ll usually fail. (2 Tim. 2:22)

B. If we “flee” God’s tests, we’ll often “lack” something we’ll need in the future.
“let patience (hopomone’) have her perfect work that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking nothing.” James 1:4

That’s why we need wisdom to recognize the different source and goal of temptation. Is 5:20

James 1:5 *“if any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God...”* (also Pr. 3:5,6)

3. The Process of Temptation James 1:12-16

“Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man. But every man is tempted when:

A. Attraction (The Bait) *“he is drawn away of his own lust”*

1) Attraction implies “distraction” from something else! _____

B. Decision: (The Bite!) *“and enticed.”* Delea’zō: deluded, beguiled, trapped!

C. Conception: (The Baby!) Vs 15 *“When lust hath conceived, (captured) it bringeth forth sin.”* (offense!)

D. Destruction: (The Bane!) vs 15b *“and sin, when it is finished, (consummated) bringeth forth (apokye’o: breeds) death.”*

Conclusion:

- Both God and Satan can “tempt/test” us.
- Satan “tempts” us to corrupt / distract us.
- God “tests” us to cleanse or develop us.
- We need wisdom to recognize the source and response to both! (James 1:5)
- God’s Word teaches us how to do this! 1 Cor 10:11-13

“these things happened unto them for ensamples... for our admonition... Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape...”

Application: James 1:21-22

1) Clean up! *“Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, (malignity) (See 1 Jn. 1:7-9) **This involves Confession.** 1 Jn 1:7-10*

2) Fill Up! *“receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.” Eph. 5:18 **“Be filled with the Spirit” This involves Sanctification.***

3) Shape up. *“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, Deceiving your own selves.” **This involves Application!***



Mt. 26:41 *“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”*