
‘Asking & Receiving the Fathers Help when Tempted’

The Power of Personal Prayer – part 2

Know the Real Jesus

Luke 11:4b-13 ESV

“⁴... And lead us not into **temptation**. ⁵And He said to them: Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his **impudence** he will rise and give him whatever he needs.

⁹And I tell you, **ask**, and it will be given to you; **seek**, and you will find; **knock**, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are **evil**, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly **Father** give the **Holy Spirit** to those who ask Him!”

1. **Reach** up for God’s **protection** “*And lead us not into temptation*”

- a. Temptations **tendency**: *to place blame*
- b. Temptations **root**: *an ungodly desire within*
- c. Temptations **deception**: *limited consequences*

“¹³Let no one say when he is tempted: I am being tempted by God, for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. ¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.” **James 1:13-16**

- d. Temptations **limiter**: *God’s faithfulness & escape plan*
- e. Temptations **defeat**: *Choosing God’s escape while enduring*

“¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.” **1 Corinthians 10:12-13**

How does the Holy Spirit help us fight against temptation?

¹⁵If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for He dwells with you and will be in you... ²⁵These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

^{16:33}I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” **John 14:15-17, 25-26; 16:33**

“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires (*lusts*) of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.” **Galatians 5:16-17**

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groaning’s too deep for words. And He who searches hearts knows what’s in the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for believers according to the will of God.” **Romans 8:26-27**

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. **Hebrews 4:14-16**