

God our Protector!

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Understanding Temptation

1. God's Role: He allows His people to be tested but is not the one who temps.
2. The World's Role: External realities that pressure you to sin.
3. The Flesh's Role: Corrupted internal desires that lead you away from God.
4. The Devil's Role: An enemy army waging spiritual warfare against God's people.

Why Is This Petition So Important for Us?

1. It reminds us that sin is not acceptable.
2. It reminds us that we need God to deliver us daily from the external and internal pressures that seek to lead us away from Him.

Questions

1. Why do you think it is necessary for God to allow us to be tested, even if He knows that we will be tempted?
2. What are some of the ways that you see the devil scheming to pull God's people away from God?
3. Why does a passive attitude toward sin greatly hinder one's relationship with God?
4. How is this prayer a help to you as you engage in a battle to honor and draw near to God?
5. What was your biggest take-a-way from the message this morning?

Next Steps: April Reading Plan (Week 1)

Day One: Jer. 31:31-40; 32-33

Day Two: Jer. 52; 2 Kings 24-25

Day Three: Eze. 1:1-3; 36:16-38; 37

Day Four: Dan. 1-2

Day Five: Dan. 3-4

Forgive as We Forgive

Prayer Challenge:

- Spend time confessing specific sinful thoughts, attitudes, and/or actions.
- Spend a moment thanking God for His amazing mercy He has shown you in Christ.
- Ask God to help you become a more mercy-filled person in your interactions with others.

May Scripture Memory:

2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. 3 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison - 4 that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. 5 Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

-Col. 4:2-6 (ESV)

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