

## Teach Us to Pray: “*Deliver Us*”

*Matthew 6:13*

### Temptation (v. 12a)

- Temptation: Enticement into sin
- Does God tempt us? NO!
- Then, why pray for God not to lead us into temptation?
  - The formation of this statement is likely based on an Aramaic construct
  - It is best understood as:
    - “Do not let us be brought to temptation” or “Do not let temptation overcome us”
- This is a declaration that we will be tempted, and a cry for help when we struggle with sin (Matt 26:41)

### Deliver Us (v. 12b)

- This is a petition for us to be rescued from the source of our temptations
- It can be rendered:
  - Evil: the concept of moral wickedness
  - The Evil One: Evil’s personification in the person of the Devil
- Whether the temptation is the result of our own wickedness or an external assault, we turn to God for deliverance (Ps 6:4)

### What about the Doxology?

- Some translations include the doxology: “For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”
- However, the earliest manuscripts we have do not contain this line
- It seemed to be added as the prayer was used in congregational settings, possibly based on 1 Chron 29:11
  - This is likely due to the common use of doxologies at the closing of community prayers
- However, since Jesus was not teaching us the exact words to pray, but the things we ought to pray for, it is fitting to include it

### So What?

- Do we turn to the Lord when we struggle with sin?
- Or do we try to rely on our own strength?

**Meditation Verse:** *Matthew 6:13*