

TEMPTATION, TRIAL, AND DELIVERANCE

Bible Text: Luke 4:1-15; Exodus 15:1-18; Matthew 6:9-13

Lesson Focus: God promises to save us from evil and temptation and to hear our prayers always.

Big Question: God will really save me from *all* evil?

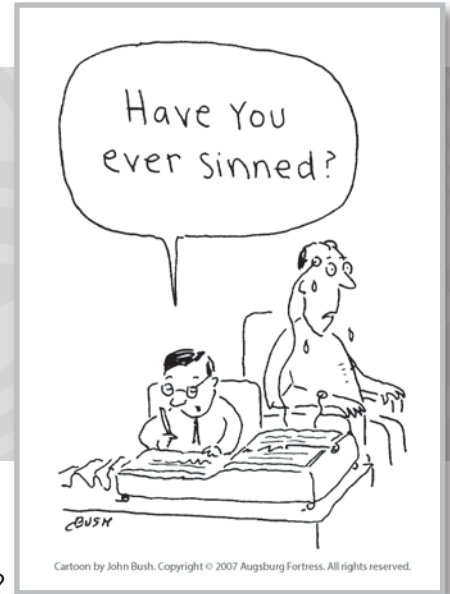
Key Words: DISCIPLINE, DELIVERANCE, REDEMPTION, AMEN, GLORY, POWER

BIBLE CONNECTION

-] Luther explained that temptation has three sources, none of which is God.
-] Luther does not talk about God as a tempter, but biblical writers sometimes reflect this interpretation.
-] When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we are asking God to keep us out of temptation's way and asking for courage to do the right thing.
-] Lutherans believe God cares about us and helps us respond to evil (1 Corinthians 15:56-57).
-] No one knows why "bad things happen to good people" but lots of people have tried to figure this out (Job 36:5).
-] All you have to do is listen to the news or read the paper to know that evil exists.
-] God can use evil in surprising ways, calling us to new life (Genesis 45:4-5).
-] No matter what we go through in life, God has not abandoned us (John 20:16).
-] The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer was added long after Jesus' time and is called the doxology.
-] A doxology is an expression of praise to God and summarizes our beliefs about God.
-] *Amen* means "Yes, it shall be so."
-] God hears our prayers, uses power for good, and deserves our holy praise.

CARTOON CONNECTION

-] If you can't remember a sin, is it still a sin? Is there a difference between "known" and "unknown" sins?
-] Has anyone ever forgiven you for a mistake you made? If so, how did you react? How did you feel? Did you deserve to be forgiven?
-] Suppose the tables were turned, and you got to ask the lie detector guy a few questions. What would you do? Would you get tough on him? If you extended grace or forgiveness, how would you do it?



STUDENT BOOK CONNECTION

Here We Stand Student Book page 209: How to Resist Temptation

-] Which of these practical ideas have you tried? Which do you think are most helpful?

Here We Stand Student Book page 214: How to Identify and Avoid Evil

-] Which of these steps seems most challenging?
-] Do you think you secretly cultivate a talent for rooting out evil?

Here We Stand Student Book pages 193–194: How to Pray

-] How are you most comfortable praying?

LIFE CONNECTION

The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer sums up what we believe in one sentence. This week write one sentence that explains what *you* believe about God's presence in our lives when we are tempted.

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True/False Quiz

Answer the following statements with “True” or “False.”

1. The ending that we use for the Lord’s Prayer was not part of Jesus’ original prayer for his disciples. **T or F**
2. Some suggest that the ending was added as the Lord’s Prayer became a part of the church’s order of worship. **T or F**
3. The end of the Lord’s Prayer is known as a *doxology*. **T or F**
4. Deliverance from evil means nothing bad will happen to us if we are good Christians. **T or F**
5. If we pray this prayer—“Deliver us from evil”—at our baptism, we never have to pray it again. **T or F**
6. Luther sought deliverance in his own life from the temptations that plagued him. **T or F**
7. God never abandons us, even in circumstances when evil threatens to break our spirits. **T or F**
8. Being spared from evil doesn’t depend on a stronger faith. **T or F**
9. Temptation often gets harder as you get older. **T or F**
10. I am the only person who feels tempted. **T or F**
11. God is stronger than evil, but we’re not—so we should stick with God! **T or F**
12. Evil always looks like evil. **T or F**
13. Prayer can help fight temptation. **T or F**
14. Seeing evil in someone else is easier than seeing it in ourselves. **T or F**
15. Evil goes away as long as we go to confirmation. **T or F**
16. Pastors never have to face temptation. **T or F**
17. Luther considered the devil as one who works very hard to get us off track. **T or F**
18. Television and the Web don’t include much temptation. **T or F**
19. If we are strong enough Christians, we will not be tempted. **T or F**

Answers: 1. True 2. True 3. True 4. False 5. False 6. True 7. True 8. True 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False 13. True 14. True 15. False 16. False 17. True 18. False 19. False