



ON EARTH AS IT IS IN  
Heaven

## Lead Us Not Into Temptation ... (and more)

June 23, 2024 Message Notes  
*Matthew 6:13a*

### NOTES

“But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:57



“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen!” Matthew 6:9-13

The purpose of the Sermon on the Mount is “to announce the good news about the kingdom.” Matthew 4:23

The Lord’s Prayer has 3 declarations about our Father King and 4 requests of Him on our behalf:

**May your** name be kept holy.

**May your** Kingdom come soon.

**May your** will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

**Give us** today the food we need.

And **forgive us** our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.

And **don’t let us** yield to temptation.

But **rescue us** from the evil one.”

“Lead us not into temptation.” Matthew 6:13a



These words are the gateway to experience the real and true life that our Father King created us to receive.

**Does God lead His people into temptation?** Temptation means ‘to entice one to sin.’

“Remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, ‘God is tempting me.’ God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else.” James 1:13–14

Sin originated with the evil one, who leads us astray from God.

When you encounter a tension, whether in the scriptures or in your own life, view a tension as a cue to curiosity.

The Greek word used for temptation, peirasmos, can also mean ‘test.’

Simply defined: a test is a moment that calls for a decision of trust.

A test is different than a consequence.



“The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.” 1 Corinthians 10:13

Sometimes God directly tests us like he did with Abraham and his son, Isaac. Other times, God allows situations to happen within the realm of his sovereignty, as in the case of Job.

Every test is an **invitation** to trust.

“O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.” Psalm 139:1

“You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous - how well I know it.” Psalm 139:13-14

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.” Psalm 139:23-24



Our Father King knows exactly how to grow us to reach new levels of maturity, wisdom, and capacity.

To “... become mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.” Ephesians 4:13

Every test is a **decision** to trust God.

What is Jesus teaching us to pray in this line? Could it be that Jesus is inviting us to admit our own need? To be honest?

“Father, please don’t lead me into tests because I can’t overcome them on my own.”

We all want to think that when confronted with a test, we will raise our sword high, take it by the horns and wrestle it down to victory.

More often than not, tests bring us to our knees. They humble us and reveal our places of need.

C.S. Lewis once wrote, “The prayer that precedes all prayer is: may the real me meet the real you.”



“My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.” Matthew 26:39

Jesus is teaching us to speak honestly to the Father.

“So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.” Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus knows exactly how to guide us through each and every test we face.

“My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.’ So now I (Paul) am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.” 2 Corinthians 12:9



This line in Jesus' prayer is a safe channel-marker on the healing journey of mental health - addressing our fear of failure, anxiety, depression about past mistakes, and the fear of not measuring up.

When a test comes your way, confess with all humility and honesty, 'Lead me not into temptation, because I can't overcome it on my own. I will trust you, Father, to deliver me through it.'

