

Deliver Us From Evil ... (and more)

June 30, 2024 Message Notes *Matthew 6:13b*

God wants to grow us into satisfaction by making us overcomers in the battlefield. Ready to have God battle on your behalf?

NOTES

"Every addiction is a misplaced prayer." Carl Jung (attributed)

"There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every person which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ." Blaise Pascal

"God has set eternity in the human heart..." Ecclesiastes 3:11



This world is full of distractions, diversions and misdirection that mislead us into dead ends.

Life is a battlefield.

What are we to do?

"Our Father in heaven...deliver us from the evil..." Matthew 6:13b

"Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." 1 Peter 5:8

"...the whole world is under the control of the evil one." 1 John 5:19

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"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies." Psalm 23:5

Deliver = to draw out from danger and destruction.

God - Subject
Deliver - Verb
Us - Object
From - Preposition
Evil One - Object of the preposition = the lowest thing

God wants to teach us in our times of battle the devil is just the object of a preposition.

We don't need to be afraid or intimidated by him.



There is more to this life than this life, and the devil is just the object of a preposition.

Our Father is forever the Chief Subject of all subjects. The Center and Source of all that is.

When God is honored, worshiped and enthroned for who He truly is, He can be trusted to forgive our debt, lead us through tests and deliver us from the evil of the evil one.

Evil = that which brings misery, agony, hurtful hardship, danger and moral wickedness.

Have you ever noticed? Evil doesn't always look, smell, sound or feel evil.

Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay.

God's goal is to make us into overcomers in Christ by faith.

The battle is not yours. It's the Lord's.

God wants to be in relationship with you.

<u>Higher Ground</u> (by Charles Gabriel and Johnson Oatman, Jr.) My heart has no desire to stay where doubts arise and fears dismay. Though some may live where these abound, my prayer, my aim is higher ground.

I want to live above the world, though Satan's darts at me are hurled. For faith has caught the joyful sound, the song of saints on higher ground. I'm pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining every day!

Still praying as I onward bound, 'Lord, plant my feet on higher ground!'"



The evil one will tell you that you need to ditch the God stuff and find something that works, where you can be free; but.....

- a fish isn't free when it leaves the water.
- a tree isn't free when it leaves the soil.
- we are not free when we leave the Lord.

"Make the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." Ephesians 5:16

Are you in an evil day right now, fighting the evil one? Then it's time to pray.

"Remember Lot's wife." Luke 17:32

Jesus is warning us to use our freedom of choice carefully especially when the battle is raging.

Don't get distracted.

Don't be diverted.

Keep moving forward.

"Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it." Luke 17:33

"Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever" means I choose you, God.

You are my life.

You are all I need.

