

# COMMUNICATION WITH THE CREATOR

Luke 11:1-4

*“The Principles of Prayer”*



Luke 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. **And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.**



Our theme this year is...

*GLORIFY THE CREATOR*

A few weeks ago we began a new series...

*COMMUNICATION WITH THE CREATOR*

In what is commonly called “the Lord’s Prayer,” (which correctly should be called “The Model Prayer,”) Jesus gives us several principles of prayer. We began with...



## I. THE EXAMPLE OF THE SAVIOR

Lu. 11:1b “...as he was praying...”

## II. THE EXPECTATION OF THE SAVIOR

Lu. 11:2b “...When ye pray...” (**establishing a prayer journal** “when you pray”)

## III. THE ENLIGHTENMENT OF THE SAVIOR

A. The Principle of Relationship – “...Our Father...”

B. The Principle of Righteousness – “...Hallowed by thy name...”

C. The Principle of Reigning – “...Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done...”

D. The Principle of Request – v. 3 “Give us day by day our daily bread.”

E. Principle of Reciprocation – “And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us.



### 1. The Imperative of the Request – “...forgive...”

- Holding on to grudges, unforgiving others, results in binding ourselves with the cords of bitterness.
- Honoring God includes being in fellowship with our brethren.

### 2. The Inclusion of the Reprehensible – “...us...”

- We must humbly acknowledge our sinfulness.
- The “model prayer” emphasizes God’s terms for a fruitful prayer life which includes “us” recognizing our sinfulness.

### 3. The Importance of the Recognition – “...our sins...”

- Sin is ever before us.
- Sin is too prevalent and powerful for us to over without the power of Christ.
- Christ conquered the problem of our sins when He died for us on the Christ.

### 4. The Implication of the Reciprocation – “...for we also forgive every one that is **indebted** to us.”

- The Lord Jesus Christ paid a debt that He did not owe, because we had a debt that we could not pay.

This morning we move unto the next principle of prayer...The Principle of Reality.

F. The Principle of Reality – “...And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.”

- The Greek word, εἰσφέρω, is only used seven times in the New Testament and is translated as some form of lead or bring.

**Original Word:** εἰσφέρω

**Transliteration:** eispheró

**Definition:** I lead into, bring in.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1533.htm>



- Why does it state “...lead us not into temptation...” rather than “keep us from temptation”?
- The “Model Prayer” is consistently teaching us to comprehend a greater picture of understanding about the Lord and about ourselves.
- In this principle, we must admit to ourselves the reality of how fragile and vulnerable we are to spiritual defeat.

1. The Admission of Vulnerability – “...And lead us not **into temptation...**”

- The Lord Jesus taught His disciples about this principle:

Mt. 26:41 Watch and **pray**, that ye enter not into **temptation**: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but **the flesh is weak**.

**Original Word:** πειρασμός

**Transliteration:** peirasmos

**Definition:** (a) trial, probation, testing, being tried, (b) **temptation**, (c) calamity, affliction.

*peirasmós* (from *peirázō*) – *temptation or test* –

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3986.htm>

- As long as we are dwelling in “the flesh,” we are vulnerable to spiritual defeat.

Rom. 7:18 For I know that in me (**that is, in my flesh,**) **dwelleth no good thing**: for **to will is present with me**; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.



1 Jn. 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that *is* in the world, the **lust of the flesh**, and the **lust of the eyes**, and the **pride of life**, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

- The Bible teaches us the proper perspective about temptation:

Jas. 1:12 **Blessed is the man that endureth temptation**: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which **the Lord hath promised to them that love him**.

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for **God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man**:

14 But **every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed**.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

- Trials, and temptations, not only reveal our weakness, but also strengthens our faith, enabling us to overcome the vulnerability of our flesh.
- As we mature as a believer, we understand the purpose of trials and learn to rejoice in them.

1 Pet. 1:6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold

**temptations:**

7 That **the trial of your faith**, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, **might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:**



- To fertilize the soil of our faith, trials are sprinkled upon us throughout our lifetime.

1 Pet. 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to **try** you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

Jas. 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers **temptations**;

12 Blessed *is* the man that endureth **temptation**: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which **the Lord hath promised to them that love him.**

- We mature in our faith and realize that such painful experiences result in the growth and development of our faith.

Prov. 17:3 The fining pot *is* for silver, and the furnace for gold: but **the LORD trieth the hearts.**

1 Thess 2:4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but **God, which trieth our hearts.**

- When we have been through periods of testing, even though we “passed,” we recognize our vulnerability to fail, and are seeking to avoid more trials.

2. The Adversary is Vicious – “...but deliver us **from evil.**”

- As we pray, we must face the reality of evil.



**Original Word:** πονηρός

**Transliteration:** ponéros

**Definition:** evil, bad, wicked, malicious, slothful.

Properly, *pain-ridden*, emphasizing the inevitable agonies (misery) that always go with *evil*. <https://biblehub.com/greek/4190.htm>

- We must face the potential destructive power of evil.

1 Pet. 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, **seeking whom he may devour**:

- We must face our vulnerability in doing battle against Satan.

Jude 1:8 Likewise also these *filthy* dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and **speak evil of dignities**.

9 Yet Michael the archangel, **when contending with the devil** he disputed about the body of Moses, **durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee**.

- We have spiritual armor to protect us while engage in spiritual warfare.

Eph. 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, **that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

- When the Lord Jesus prayed for us, He included the challenge of evil.

Jn. 17:15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but **that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.**



- The satanic trials and temptations have their purpose for strengthening believers.

1 Pet. 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

9 Whom resist **stedfast in the faith**, knowing that **the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren** that are in the world.

10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, **after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.**

- All believers face “the same afflictions.”

1 Cor. 10:13 There hath no **temptation** taken you but such as is common to man: but **God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able**; but will **with the temptation** also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

3. The Access to Victory – “...**deliver** us...”

2 Pet. 2:9 **The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations**, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:



**Original Word:** ῥύομαι

**Transliteration:** rhuomai

**Definition:** I rescue, deliver (from danger or destruction).

In Mt 6:13 ("the Lord's Prayer"), (*rhýomai*) is used in the closing sentence, "*Deliver (rhýomai) us from evil*" – **i.e. "Deliver me to Yourself and for Yourself." That is, "Lord deliver me out of my (personal) pains and bring me to You and for You."**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4506.htm>

- In regard to the vulnerability of our flesh, we can be “delivered.”

Rom. 7:24 O wretched man that I am! **who shall deliver me** from the body of this death?

25 **I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.** So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

- The Lord Jesus is able to deliver us from all of our temptations.

2 Cor. 1:8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:

9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that **we should not trust in ourselves, but in God** which raiseth the dead:

10 **Who delivered us** from so great a death, and **doth deliver:** in whom we trust that he **will yet deliver us**;

11 Ye also **helping together by prayer for us**, that for the gift *bestowed* upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.



- The Apostle Paul gives wonderful testimony of being delivered from trials and temptations.

2 Tim. 3:11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but **out of them all the Lord delivered me.**

2 Tim. 4:18 And **the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work**, and will preserve *me* unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

- In His high, priestly prayer before His crucifixion, the Lord Jesus emphasized the importance of the Word of God when facing evil.

Jn. 17:14 I have given them **thy word**; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that **thou shouldest keep them from the evil**.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 **Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.**

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, **even so have I also sent them into the world.**

- As we understand the challenges of our vulnerability, we learn how to pray more effectively about escaping more temptations.
- We should serve Him because we love Him.

1 Jn. 4:19 We love **him**, because **he first loved us**.



## Conclusion

2 Thess. 3:1 Finally, brethren, **pray for us**, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you:

2 And that we may be **delivered** from unreasonable and wicked men: for all *men* have not faith.

3 But **the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.**

4 And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you.

5 And **the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God**, and into the patient waiting for Christ.