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Pursuing Personal Holiness Through Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

Luke 11:1-13



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. ⁵ And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; ⁶ For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? ⁷ And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. ⁸ I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. ⁹ And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. ¹⁰ For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. ¹¹ If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if *he ask* a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? ¹² Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³ If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?



Matthew 6:9 (AV/ESV)

- After this manner therefore pray ye:
- Pray then **like this:**



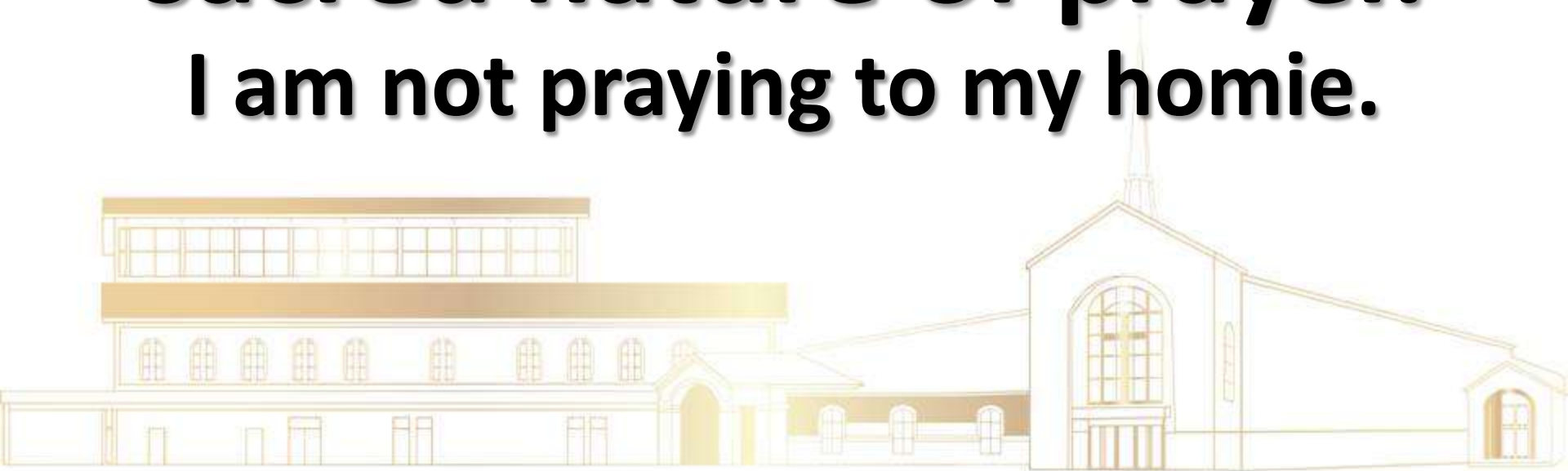
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**Memorizing the Lord's
prayer provides a
framework or guide for
what to say**



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Hallowed be
reminds us of the
sacred nature of prayer.
I am not praying to my homie.



Matthew 6:9 (ESV)

- Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, **hallowed be your name.**



Pray in this way:

- **Exalt God's Holy Name**
- **Articulate words that Worship God**
- **Express gratitude**
- **Proclaim God's goodness**
- **Tell God you love him**
- **Give God the glory with words**



Matthew 6:9; Luke 11:2

- Thy kingdom come

Petition #1



“Thy Kingdom Come” prayers include:

- **Confession of Sin**
- **Prayers for grace to obey**
- **Petitions that give God Glory**
- **Advancement of the gospel**
- **Restoration of wayward saints**
- **Salvation of the lost**
- **Power to be holy**
- **Supplications for unity**



Luke 11:2



•Thy will be done,
as in heaven, so in
earth.

Petition #2

“Thy will be done” prayers include:

- **Any request for wisdom**
- **Petitions for discernment**
- **Appeals for all forms of reconciliation**
- **Anything to do with sanctification**
- **Calls for repentance**



Matthew 6:11

- Give us this day our daily bread.

Petition #3



Twenty-first century application of “give us this day our daily bread” must include:

- **Acknowledgement that God is the ultimate source of substance**
- **Petitions for food**
- **Requests for work or employment**
- **Good health in order to work**
- **God’s blessing upon my work**
- **Safety and security so that I can work**
- **Wisdom to work well**
- **Petitions for good stewardship**
- **Divine intervention to overcome the effects of the fall**



Matthew 6:12

- And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Petition #4



Why are we asking God to forgive our sins if we are saved?

Saved people have been declared just or righteous. The debt of their sin has been cancelled according to Col. 2:14.



I believe we repent and seek forgiveness for several reasons. We

- 1. Desire the chastisement to end.**
- 2. Want to re-experience intimacy and fellowship with our Creator and His Son.**
- 3. Do not want our prayers hindered.**



Matthew 6:13 (AV/NET)

- And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil [one].

Petition #5





Petition #5 Is a prayer for sanctification with two parts:

A. The request to avoid situations and events where we will tempted to sin.

B. A request that God rescues us from the Devil and his demons.

Part I

**Temptation
is an
enticement
to sin.**

**What is
sin?**





1 John 3:4

- Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

NET, ESV, NASB

- Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; indeed, sin is lawlessness.

sn The Greek word ἀνομία (anomia) is often translated “iniquity” or “lawlessness” and in the LXX refers particularly to transgression of the law of Moses. In Jewish thought the ideas of sin (ἁμαρτία, hamartia) and lawlessness or iniquity (ἀνομία) were often equated because sin involved a violation of the Mosaic law and hence lawlessness.

The NET Bible First Edition; Bible.



**Sin is a violation of the
law of Christ.**

**Sin is living as though
there aren't laws.**



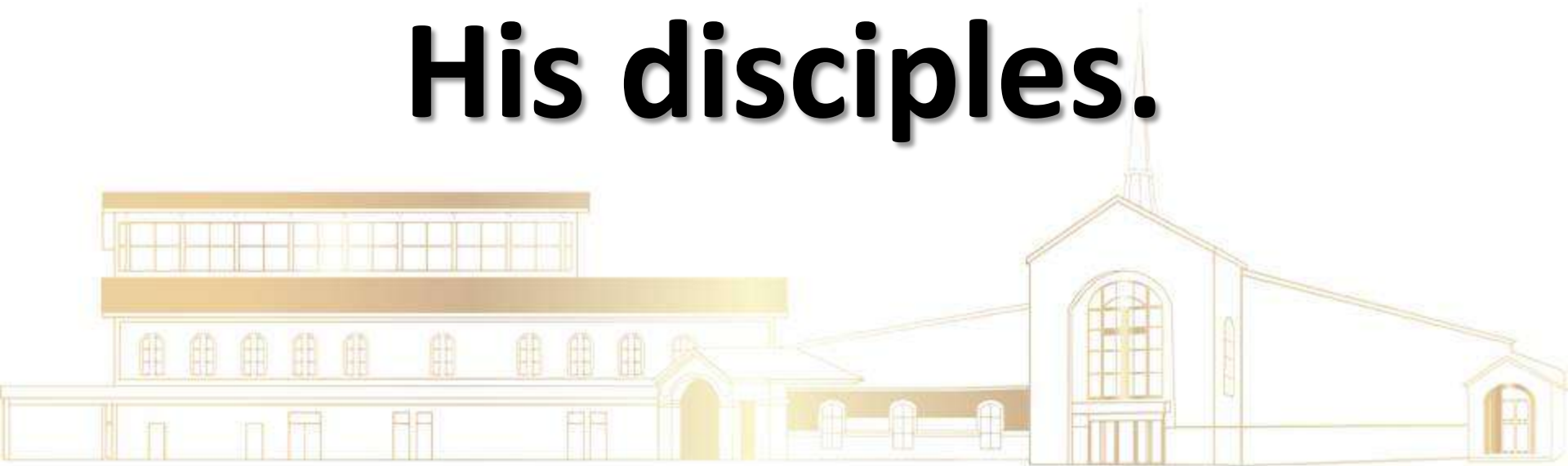
**The law of Moses is
foundational to our
understanding of what
is sin or sinful.**



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Christianity 101

**The law of Christ is
what we are under as
His disciples.**



The law of Christ is Christ's summary of what is the most important of the commandments from the law given by Moses to the people of God.

The law of Christ is found in Matthew 22:38-39, Mark 12:30-31, Luke 10:27, John 13:34, Romans 13:9, 1 Corinthians 9:21, Galatians 6:2, and in James 2:8 it is described as the royal law.



Mark 12:30-31



- And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment. ³¹ And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Consider how JUST these two commandments impact our understanding of sin

- 1. We don't abort babies because a baby is the closest neighbor God will ever give a mom to love.**
- 2. The reason we aren't nasty to the cashier is because we would not want anyone being nasty to us if we were the cashier.**
- 3. Since gender is established by God and given to me from God I can't rebel against what He gave me and say I love Him with all my heart, mind and soul!**
- 4. Because the lifestyle of homosexuality doesn't produce more neighbors to love—that can't be my sexual orientation of choice.**

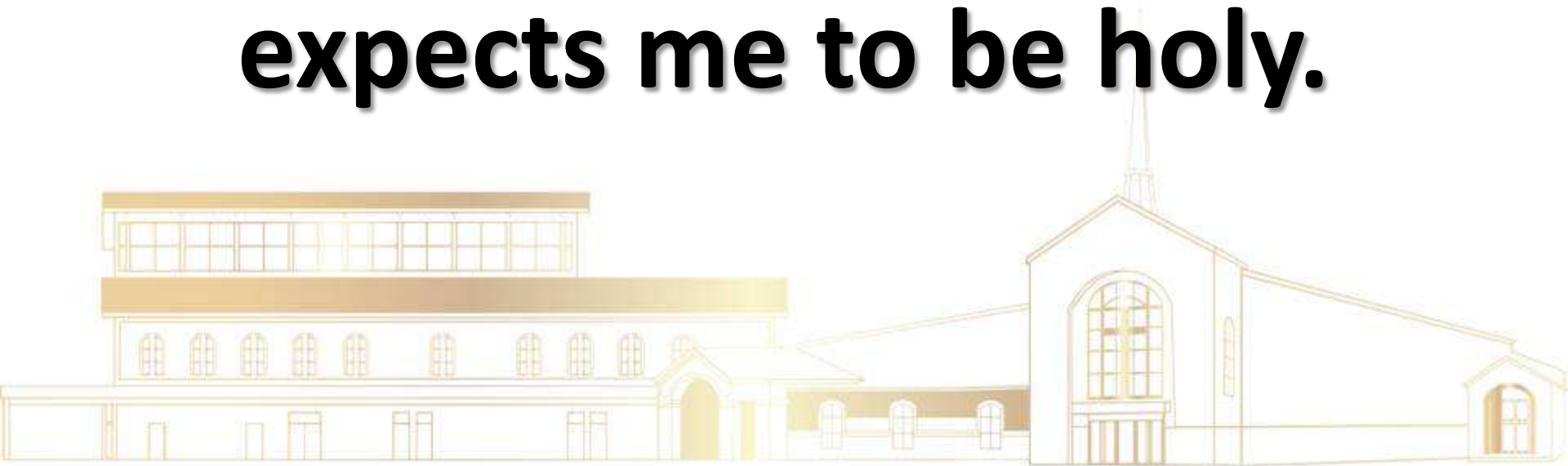


Romans 13:9



- For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

This prayer request
“lead me not into temptation”
reminds me that God
expects me to be holy.



**Does God tempt
humans or His
people to sin?**



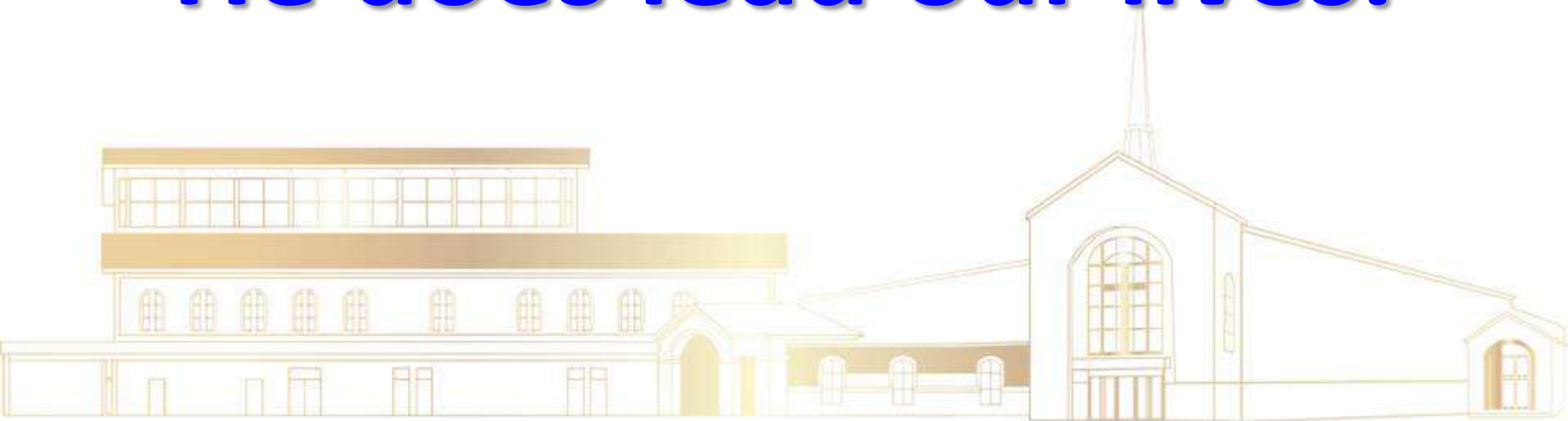
James 1:13



- Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

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**While God does not
tempt anyone to sin—
He does lead our lives.**



Every NT reference to following Christ is also a reference to his **leadership** in our lives.



Matthew 16:24



- Then Jesus told his disciples,
 - “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.



He Leadeth Me | Joseph H. Gilmore

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

We sing!

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**This petition is a
request for God's active
involvement in my war
against sin and evil.**



All petitions that ask for God's involvement in my personal battle against sin fall under the heading "lead me not into temptation"

- **Show me my sin**
- **Protect me from peers that influence sin behavior**
- **Guide me in paths of righteousness**
- **Give me more self-control**
- **Show me the way of escape**
- **Manifest your grace to love those who sin against me**



1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)



- No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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Consider the Prayer of Proverbs 30:8-9



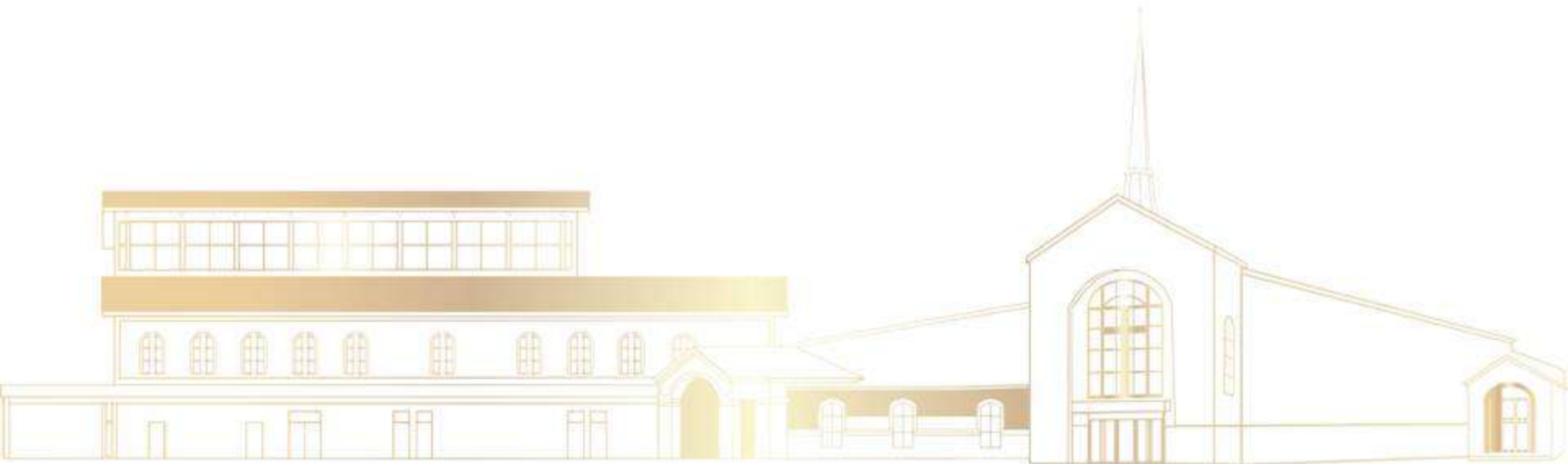
Proverbs 30:8-9 NET



- Remove falsehood and lies far from me; do not give me poverty or riches, feed me with my allotted portion of bread,⁹ lest I become satisfied and act deceptively and say, “Who is the LORD?” Or lest I become poor and steal and demean the name of my God.

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Part II



Matthew 6:13 (NET)

- And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.



As I studied this 5th petition I didn't understand why the conjunction 'but' was used instead of 'and'

In other words, why isn't it?

And lead us not into temptation

And deliver us from the evil one.



KJV Translation Count — Total: 637x

The KJV translates Strong's G235 in the following manner: *but* (573x), *yea* (15x), *yet* (11x), *nevertheless* (10x), *howbeit* (9x), *nay* (4x), *therefore* (3x), *save* (2x), *not translated* (2x), *miscellaneous* (8x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I.* but
 - A.* nevertheless, notwithstanding
 - B.* an objection
 - C.* an exception
 - D.* a restriction
 - E.* nay, rather, yea, moreover
 - F.* forms a transition to the cardinal matter



What is the cardinal matter?

The cardinal matter is the main, chief, or primary matter.

As in the 4 cardinal directions are N, E, W, & S.



Petition 5A

As you lead and guide my life Lord, protect me from places, scenarios, and situations where I will be tempted to sin.

Petition 5B

And even more so Lord rescue or deliver me from evil desires and the world of evil and even the Evil one himself.



Evil

**1 a: morally reprehensible: sinful,
wicked**

Merriam-Webster



There is a difference between “but deliver me from evil” and “deliver me from the Evil one.”

Evil is NOT merely the absence of good; like cold is the absence of warmth.

Biblically evil has a source of origin and that source is a fallen angelic being.



Luke 10:18



- And he [Jesus] said to them,
“I saw Satan fall like
lightning from heaven.

**Evil is not merely the
absence of good—evil has
a source—and that source
is a Being in rebellion to
God and all that is good.**



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Turn to

Luke 22:31-32



Luke 22:31-32



- “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

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**Jesus spoke much about
Satan and his demonic
activities.**



John 8:44



- You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

**Satan is responsible for
murdering the Son of God.
The resurrection serves as
an eternal reminder that
God is the Sovereign One.**



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Notice

How Jesus prayed for us in
John 17:15



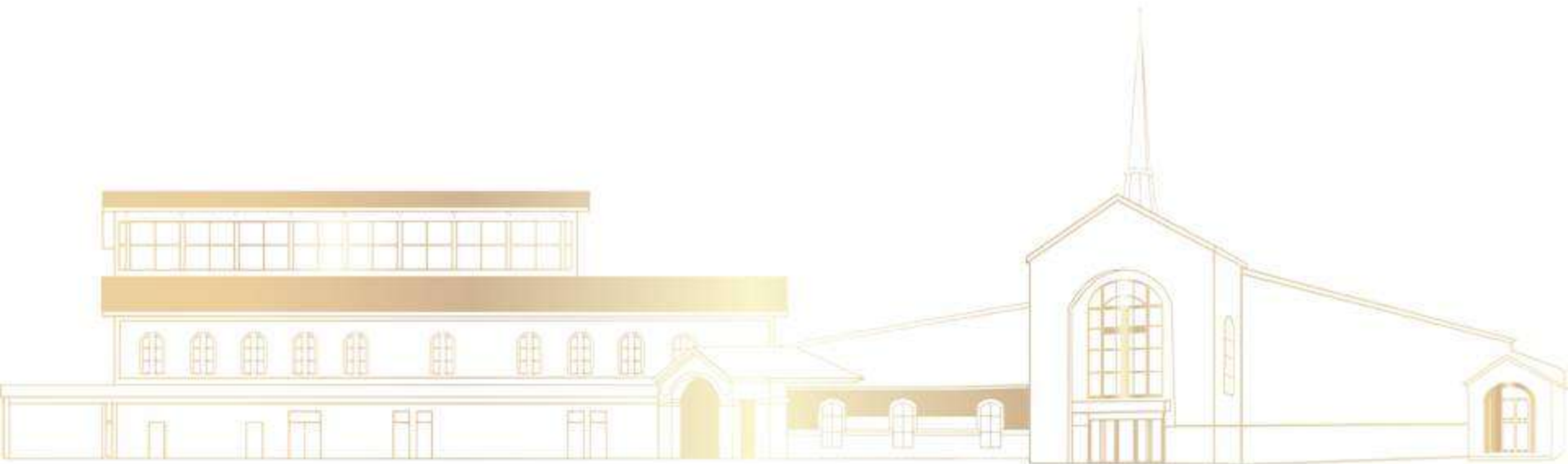
John 17:15



- I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but that you keep them safe from the evil one.

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The Evil One!



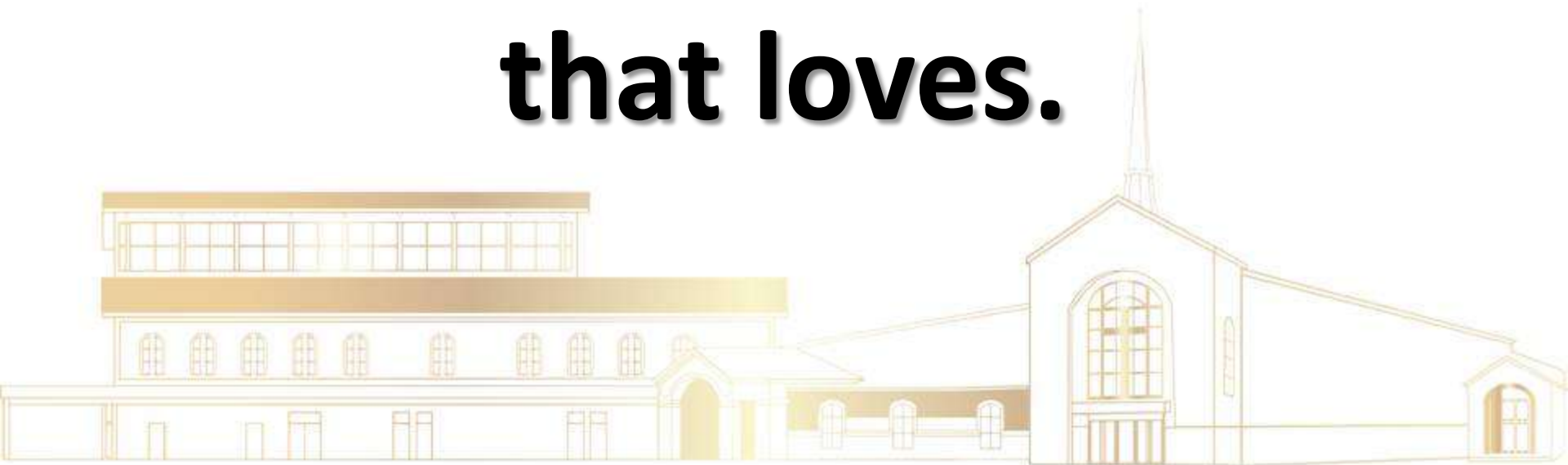
Matthew 13:19 & 38



- When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.
- The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,

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**Satan, our adversary, is
the enemy of God, of all
that God does and of all
that loves.**



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**Peter, Paul and John all
write about the Evil
one.**



1 Peter 5:8 (ESV)



- **Be sober-minded; be watchful.**
Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Don't let it
be you.

Pray.

Ephesians 6:16 (ESV)



- In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

1 John 5:19



- We know that we are from God,
and the whole world lies
in the power of the evil
one.

Satan

- evil one
- devil
- god of this world
- tempter
- wicked one
- accuser of the brethren
- prince of the air
- Prince of the demons
- murderer
- liar
- roaring lion
- serpent



Pause and think w/ me:

**If there is NO God and if
there is NO evil one—who
is to say what is good and
what is evil?**



**When we don't take
serious our personal
battle against sin and
evil—what are we
doing to the gospel?**



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Let' Close w/ Galatians 1:3-4



Galatians 1:3-4



- Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,