

Question 120 & 121

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Q 120. What is the sixth petition?

A 120. “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

Q 121. What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

A 121. That God would keep us from sin.

Scripture Base: Matt 4:1-11, 6:5-15

Doctrine: WCF 21: 3,4 SC 106

Supplementary Questions

1. What does it mean to be tempted?
2. What it is that can tempt you?
3. Why does God allow you to be tempted?
4. What are you really asking for when you pray that God will keep you from being tempted and deliver you from evil?
5. What should you do when you are tempted to sin?

Song: “The Lord’s Prayer” & “Let Us Pray” – Judy Rogers

Teaching Notes

Review: Q118 - What is the 5th petition? - *“And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.”* Q119 - What do we pray for in the 5th petition? - *That God would pardon our sins for Christ’s sake, and enable us to forgive those who have injured us.*

Story: Matt. 4:1-11 “The Temptation of Jesus”

Questions:

1. To be tempted means to be in a situation where we feel pressure to do something wrong or not to do what we know is right. It is not a sin to be tempted, but if we do not fight against it, it will lead us into sin. This is why we need to pray that we might avoid it.
2. The sin that is in your heart (the flesh, the sin nature, the old man) can tempt you (Jas. 1:14-15). The world can tempt you (1Jn 2:15-17). The devil can tempt you (1 Pet. 5:8). The reason the world and the devil can tempt you is because of the sin in your heart.
3. He wants you to see what is in your heart. He wants you to know whether you are a Christian. If you are, He wants you to know how weak you are and how much you need His strength. He wants to purify and strengthen your faith, if you are a true believer (James 1:2-4 and 1 Pet. 1:6-7).
4. You are asking God to:
 - give you the strength to avoid the people and things that tempt you
 - help you subdue/kill the sinful desires in your heart
 - give you the strength to escape the sin once you have fallen into it
 - strengthen your love for Him so you will not need as many trials to move you to seek Him.
5. You should pray and ask God to remove the temptation and ask that He would give you the strength to escape from it (Gen. 39).

Gospel: What do you do when you are being pressured to sin? Do you usually give into temptation or do you fight against it? If you fight against temptation, that is a good indication that God’s grace is in your heart. Make sure you continue to trust in Jesus and pray that He would give you continued strength to do the right thing. If you find that you give into sin every time you are tempted, it indicates that you really do not know Jesus in a saving way. If this is true of you, pray and ask the Lord to forgive your sins and give you the strength to overcome them. He promises to help you if you will ask in faith (John 14:14).

Activity: Temptations of Jesus pictures. Draw the things that tempted Jesus.

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