

Keeping it Real by Going Deeper!

(GBC Sunday July 12th 2020 - Ps Tony R)

The Passage & The Message: Matthew 6: verse 13 (pt1)

Getting Started:

Over a number of weeks, we have been paying attention to the way Jesus taught his disciples (followers) to pray as recorded in Mathew chapter 6: 9-13. In last Sunday's message, we looked at Jesus' words where he taught his followers the importance of praying:

¹³ ***And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*** (or "the evil one", depending on your translation).

Open in Prayer:

... asking God to show you your true self this day and for God to show himself again through these words of His, as Jesus speaks for God.

Going Deeper:

Sunday's message was built around three main points as they related to Jesus words.

Firstly - God is sovereign over all things including all things that **bring temptation**, as well as situations that have potential to lead us away from living for the glory of God and seeing the kingdom of God come (see Eph 1:11).

Q 1. What **Stood** out to you most from this first point and is this helpful?

Q 2. What **Puzzled** you or troubled you or caused you to ask questions about anything that you hadn't necessarily thought about much before, due to this first point?

Q 3. What did you **Learn** about God and His people, from this first point?

Secondly - An evil one is at work against you, seeking to take you captive, seeking to derail your faith, derail your hope, joy, and derail your love for God and others. "The devil comes to steal, kill and destroy" (John 10:10).

Q 1. What **Stood** out to you most from this second point and is this helpful?

Q 2. What **Puzzled** you or troubled you or caused you to ask questions about anything that you hadn't necessarily thought about much before, due to this second point?

Q 3. What did you **Learn** about God and His people, from this second point?

Thirdly - God is good and your ever present help in time of need, able to sustain and deliver you in all situations. So God bids you and me to come before him boldly in prayer (Mathew 6:13; Hebrews 4:16).

Q 1. What **Stood** out to you most from this third point and is this helpful?

Q 2. What **Puzzled** you or troubled you or caused you to ask questions about anything that you hadn't necessarily thought about much before, due to this third point?

Q 3. What did you **Learn** about God and His people, from this third point?

Before you finish thinking deeper about these words of Jesus and the sermon, ask yourself:

Q 4. How might these words and message **Apply** to you?

In other words, by hearing these words what should we do when it comes to prayer and what should we do when facing temptations?

(Please Note: Even though most of us don't like being told what to do, its important to remember that Jesus is not giving us a few suggestions to help improve our prayer life here. Rather Jesus is giving his followers very important commands, "pray then like this" (vs9), for God's glory and for our own good).

Lastly Ask Yourself:

Q 5. What will you **Talk** to God or others about?

Jesus has been teaching his disciples to pray. In doing this, Jesus is also teaching his disciples how to think about God as well as truths his disciples can tell others about God.

a. So what things are we taught about God within these verses **that we can tell others** be they churchd or un- churchd, converted or un-converted.

List them below:

b. So what will you now **talk to God** about this verse and message?

Will you pray differently? Will you come to Him with greater awareness of His sovereignty, love, and power? Are there attitudes or patterns of thinking that you feel you need to confess to Him? Are there new ways you want to express your thanks to him because of these words of Jesus? Please take the time you need to turn your Going Deeper into real prayer.

Grace and Peace to you as we '**Keep it Real by Going Deeper**' by taking both God's and our concerns to Him through prayer.