

Keeping it Real by Going Deeper!

(GBC Sunday July 26th 2020 - Ps Tony R)

The Passage - Matthew 6: vs 13 (pt2)

The Message: [Temptations That Will Come & How to Face Them!](#)

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 our second message drawn from 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).

Though it is a tradition of the church in many circles to finish Jesus' prayer by saying, "For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever Amen", these words are not in any of the recorded words of Jesus by the gospel writers. This practice and ending was added much latter by Christians and therefore became a part of a Christian tradition. However, Jesus did add his own following words to the end of His teaching on prayer and one could just as easily pray these by saying something like "For you have taught us, "If we forgive other's..."

¹⁴ **For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.** ¹⁵ **But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.**

Let Us Open in Prayer:

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

Going Deeper:

Sunday's message was built around three main points. Three main points were given under the heading "The Bad News" (e.g. the problem we all face). In addition, three main responses were also given, under the heading "The Good News" (e.g. the help we receive from God).

1. The Bad News of The Inevitability that Temptations Will Come to All!

Firstly – The temptation to turn against God.

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 much about before, due to this first point?

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

Secondly – The temptation to turn against people.

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 people, from this second point?

Thirdly – The temptation to turn inward.

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 people, from this third point?

2. The Good News and the help one receives from God for those that Turn

Firstly – Turn towards God.

Q 1. How might these words and message **Apply** to you right now in your current life situation?

Secondly - Turn towards people.

Q 1. How might these words and message **Apply** to you right now in your current life situation?

Thirdly - The Final Turn When God Turns Towards You!

Q 1. What will you **Talk** to God or others about this final point?

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, the God that made them. (Thus carrying out Matthew 28:19-20).

a. What can **we can tell others** about the temptations we all face and how only God can ultimately deliver us from sin and evil for our good and His glory, be they church-ed or un- church-ed, converted or un-converted people we are talking with? List them below:

b. What will you now **talk to God** about this 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 God because of these words of Jesus? Please take the time you need to turn your Going Deeper into real prayer and praise, beginning with "Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be Your Name... "

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.