



Sunday, May 8, 2011: Deliver Us from Evil

Scripture: Matthew 6:14-15; Psalm 34

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Sermon Notes:

1. The Lord's prayer requires a complete dependence on God and a sense of our responsibility to one another.
2. We're to acknowledge that we are children of grace, and objects of God's covenant love, subordinating ourselves and our wills to God.
3. However competent or self-sufficient we are as individuals, we are to know ourselves as utterly dependent on God.
4. In this petition, we pray lead us not into destructive temptation but deliver us from the evil one and all of his works.
5. Sometimes the word "temptation" refers to a trial or testing from God (See Genesis 22; John 6:6; 2 Cor. 13:5; James 1:13).
6. Our faith is continually tried to prove that we are God's children.
7. We're not praying that we would not be tried and tested by God, but that we would not be overcome by evil.
8. We're asking God to keep us from temptations of Satan or our own passions, which would lead to our destruction.
9. The program of Satan is a false religion where man asserts himself as independent of God.
10. Satan's power is destructive and malevolent. He perpetuates the lie that autonomy is the path to wealth, joy and happiness.
11. We worship Satan implicitly when we want our will to be done and our view of right and wrong to be established. This kind of rebellion is the human condition apart from Christ.
12. We're praying that God would deliver us from our own willingness to give ourselves into the hand of the enemy.
13. In our self-sufficiency, presumption and pride, we are most vulnerable to succumbing to evil.
14. Moral evil is defined by modern humanists not as an offense against God's order, but as things which are harmful or unpleasant.
15. Humanism's solution to moral evil is to be well-adjusted to our environment.
16. By reducing evil to a social construct, you deny evil, and you also deny the good.
17. Nature is neither normative nor good, but fallen. The false dream of the scientific socialist state is to adjust society to their elitist vision of the good.
18. Our nature is fallen; we are sinful. Therefore we must not make our natural inclinations the norm.
19. Salvation can be defined as the antithesis of the evil of the time.
20. If evil is rebellion against God, then salvation is found only in remission of sin through Jesus.
21. Christ comes to subdue and regenerate us, delivering us from evil.
22. We're asking God to deliver us from the folly, absurdity, futility of all the ways of sin, which are utterly destructive.
23. Rebellion against God is a form of insanity. People have lost their minds and their moral sense.
24. We can only stand our ground, not on the shifting sands of human opinion, but on the blueprints of the creator.

Application Questions

1. Distinguish the sense of the word "temptation" as used in the Lord's Prayer from its common usage elsewhere in Scripture.
2. What is the "evil" that we seek deliverance from?
3. How are the modern unbelieving concepts of evil deficient?
4. Describe the false program for salvation held by various unbelieving worldviews: Nazi-ism, environmentalism, Marxism, equalitarianism.
5. What personal attitudes make one vulnerable to temptation?
6. Explain how rebellion against God is a form of insanity.