

Jesus Teaching on Prayer - Protection  
Matt. 6:9-13; Eph. 6:10-18; Psalm 91

1) God does not tempt us to \_\_\_\_\_. James 1:13 – 15: <sup>13</sup> When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup> but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

2) The word “temptation” here can mean both a temptation to sin, and tests and trials. It seems to mean “any kind of \_\_\_\_\_, or circumstance, that may lead you to sin.

3) “Evil” is probably a noun and can mean “the evil \_\_\_\_\_” or “the evil thing”.

So, broadly speaking, this is prayer for \_\_\_\_\_ from anything that would cause us to lose our faith. (Rom. 12:21: Be not overcome with evil.)

\_\_\_\_\_ have something to do with the answer to this prayer – putting ourselves in situations where we know we’ll be \_\_\_\_\_.

EPH. 6:10-18 HELPS US:

Eph. 6:10-18 – “put on the armor of God” – it’s as though he’s saying – God has provided it – but \_\_\_\_\_ have to put it on. This is not something that happens automatically.

HERE’S HOW TO PUT ON THE ARMOR:

“Belt of truth” - John 14:6; Ps. 51:6 - “Lord, help me know the \_\_\_\_\_ today.”

“Breast plate of righteousness” II Cor. 5:21 - “Lord, thank You that You are my righteousness.” The breastplate covers the chest – pray for protection over your heart – your mind, will, \_\_\_\_\_.

“Feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace”

Sandals were essential to keeping your \_\_\_\_\_. “Lord, help me keep my balance today – help me keep YOUR balance today.”

“The shield of faith” - Rom. 10:17 “Lord, as I open myself to Your Word today, increase my faith.”

“The helmet of salvation” - Heb. 5:9; Ps. 140:7 “Lord, I put on the helmet of salvation. Guard my mind; my thoughts and my thinking. Give me clarity of thought. May I operate with the mind of Christ.

“Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God” - John 6:63  
power in me and through me today.”

“May God’s Word have

PS. 91 HELPS US:

v. 2 – the words “refuge” and “fortress” refer to \_\_\_\_\_ – a hedge of protection.

In the KJV, 3 times the word “because” is used:

v. 9 - Because we have made the Lord our habitation (dwelling)  
(v. 1 – “Dwell in the secret place”)

v. 14a - Because we have set our \_\_\_\_\_ upon Him

v. 14b - Because we have known His \_\_\_\_\_

The balancing truth is WE have to do something about it, too. You can pray this, but the people you’re praying it for can still choose to walk through the hedge of protection.

As we face our day, let’s suit up for the spiritual battles we’ll be facing that day!

And close with praise:

Thine is the Kingdom – once again, Lord – YOUR kingdom over mine; righteousness, peace and joy

Power – may Your power rest on me and flow through me today

Glory – You deserve the glory – it’s all about You!

