

Scripture: Galatians 5
Singing: 392:1, 4, 5 – 419:1-3 – 104:1, 2, 6 – 451:7-8

Intro: The Holy Spirit describes prayer with many different words: Ps. 5:1-2

The 6th Petition

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- A. In the 6th petition we are pleading for active ministry of Holy Spirit
1. With the Spirit's indwelling assistance, we are like Paul in Phil. 3:13

 2. But when the Holy Spirit is grieved (or quenched) we cannot handle a sin

 3. God teaches about grieving the Holy Spirit in the context of Eph. 4:30
- B. That's why the 6th follows the 5th

II. The meaning of the 6th petition

- A. What is meant with 'temptation?'
1. either *a trial*: James 1:2-3, 12; 1 Peter 1:7; 4:12

 2. or *a temptation to sin*: James 1:14-15

 3. yet *trials and temptations* are closely related in life of God's people
- B. What do we ask in the 6th petition of the Lord's Prayer?
1. We do **not ask** for a trouble-free life without 'trials'
 - a. such a request falls outside God's will: John 16:33; 2 Tim. 3:12

 - b. such request is also disadvantageous to our spiritual growth
 - trials and temptations are God's tools to sanctify us

2. We do ask our Father for His preserving & strengthening grace to endure
a. we are so weak that we cannot stand a moment: John 15:4-5

b. we are facing cunning enemy: Ps. 33:10; 37:7; 2 Cor. 2:11

3. We do ask for the final deliverance from all 'evil' (or evil one)

4. It is not only at end of our earthly life that this petition is answered

Close: How blessed are they therefore *to die in the Lord!* (Phil. 3:20-21)

Gems about Heaven

Heaven will undo any loss we may suffer to gain it.
But nothing will undo the loss of heaven.

It is not death to close the eye long dimmed by tears,
And awake in glorious repose to spend eternal years. (Malan)

If it be sweet to be the growing corn of the Lord here,
How much better to be gathered into His barn. (Robert M'Cheyne)

Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. (T. Moore)

One breath of paradise will extinguish all the adverse winds of earth. (A. Pink)

Everlasting glory in heaven is a jewel of too great value to be purchased
by all the wealth of this world. (M. Henry)

Heaven's eternal life does not begin with death.
It begins with faith in Jesus Christ.