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We have been examining the Lords Prayer in the Sermon on the Mount

- Matthew 6:9-13 we've seen how **Jesus is the very fulfillment of this prayer...**

This prayer that among the **Greeks was known as Abbas prayer is a picture of our journey into a life of Freedom in Christ!**

- Today we are going to look at verse 13 but in 2 weeks I want to come back to see a larger picture of this prayer as we conclude this mini series - in these words that are so very familiar to so many of us we can see a simple prayer or a simple call to moralism - yet it is actually a declaration of a Covenant!

2 weeks ago we looked at forgiveness in verse 12 because it is so critically important that we NOT read verse 12 as a basis and formula for our forgiveness.

- **Our forgiveness has been secured once for ALL by Christ Alone - Hebrew 10 - at the Cross!**

Last week we looked at what forgiveness is Not and what it is.....

Matthew 6:13 - The Passion Translation

*Rescue us every time we face tribulation
And set us free from evil.*

The word for temptation is better translated trial or tribulation....something all of us face!

Now I want to again be really clear like previous parts of the Lords Prayer - Jesus is describing a reality of a redeemed people. Give us our daily bread - not asking for a 'possibility of bread' - it is a recognition of what Jesus said - I am the bread of life! Jesus is our forgiveness!

In the same way Deliver us from temptation is a declaration of a reality;

- **Jesus is our deliverance - our rescue!**

I enjoy going to zoo's and nature parks - I am the guy who slows down to read where the animals came from or as is the case in the Indianapolis Zoo reading the story of several wildlife that have been rescued from impending harm (Eagle with broken wings that will never fly etc).

I can't tell you how many years ago but it was a lot - Denise and I had taken the kids to the Fort Wayne Zoo when we came around a bend in the Australian exhibit and I we witnessed an animal (Tasmanian Devil) in captivity that clearly was unhappy - all this poor creature would do is pace back in forth in an enclosure about 10 feet in diameter. It was so unpleasant that on future visits (we had an annual pass when we had little ones) I would simply avoid stopping - **because what was abundantly clear is that this animal likely needed to be rescued from captivity and be restored to what it was made to be living in the wild.**

- Its one thing to be Rescued from something - impending harm or destruction.
- **Yet equally important is the Reality of What we are Rescued TO and FOR.....**

I can't tell you the number of times I have heard stories and testimonies of men and women describing what they have been rescued **from**.....addiction abuse....incredible...

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Yet beloved here is what I want to invite us to look at today - if that is the extent of our understanding of verse 13 - what you have delivered me FROM.....**it communicates watch this.....our lack of Revelation about the nature of the Gospel and dare I say even the Kingdom!**

- **You see verse 13 is not an equation about what I have been rescued from.....but what I have been rescued for!**

Now watch this word - **Deliver** and what it means in the original language - the emphasis of the meaning is NOT what we have been rescued FROM but what we are rescued TO.....

- Deliver means ***“to draw or rescue a person TO and FOR the deliverer”***

Now it may sound a little subtle - **but it has huge implications if we understand the issue**

Deliverance from Trials and Tribulations....is not so much about what I am delivered FROM...but TO and FOR the ‘deliverer’ - **thats speaks to purpose and identity!**

- A fundamental part of adoption is in this reality - if the story is only what I have been delivered from...its shallow and missing the point!
- **The depth of the story should be who you have ‘become’.**

This has MASSIVE implications....

Jesus deliver me from trial and evil.....yes....but deliver to TO and FOR you!

Oh my goodness - as I meditated on this - so moved...

- **Beloved God is not just interested in rescuing us from trial - tribulation and evil.....and becoming an absentee partner in our life!**
- Bless God He delivered me from Addiction.....YES and Amen!.....
- He delivered you TO and FOR what?

Jesus answers the Question - John 10:1-20

verse 10 - I have come that you would have life.....abundant life....

Our life restored to its original vocation!

Deliverance is about LIFE beloved.....real Kingdom life!

I want to point out some conclusions I see in Matthew 6:13

- Lets not miss the obvious inference Jesus is making - Spiritual conflict - trials and temptations.....
- **NOT a possibility - but a reality!**

Matthew 6:13 comes on the backdrop of Matthew 4 - baptism.....and wilderness temptations

In fact I agree with those who would say Jesus entire public ministry is marked by trials - accusations, disruptions difficulties often stirred directly by the evil one.

So much so that towards the end of Jesus earthly ministry He turns to His disciples and says ***'you are those who have been with me in my trials..'*** Luke 22:28

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The point is this - Jesus life was NOT spared trials - it was not a life absent of trials and tribulations.

Here is a REALITY beloved -

- All of our lives are going to be touched by fierce opposition!

Interesting isn't it that Jesus in John 10:10 marries two completely opposite realities....

** The thief comes to steal - kill and destroy....*

** I have come that you would have Life....*

Jesus you are the bread of life - my forgiveness and your offer is abundant life!

- There is an enemy with a different agenda - **who is forever daily set against us!**
- **You were not born into Eden!**
- We are restored into Eden Relationship and Representation - Eden will be fully restored!

You beloved were born into a War Zone - the War is for the affections of your heart!

- **Ignoring that War will NOT make it go away!**

The first observation - like it not - you are in a conflict - ignoring it will not make it go away.

The next observation - **misinterpreting that conflict can be as damaging as ignoring it.**

Lead us NOT into temptation.....

1 - God is NOT tempting you!

James 1:13 *Let no one say when he is tempted, I am being tempted by God' For God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.*

2 - **God is NOT 'testing' your endurance** - so see what you are made of.....

The scripture says - oh yea - *He knows how He made us.....He sees the inner parts....*

- Think about this - He knows the power of the heart He put in you - He knows the power of the Spirit He put in you.....that He said He would never leave or forsake.....
- So let's be clear - conflict is real - so is the deliverance!

We misinterpret the conflict when we don't recognize what is actually happening....

- Gen 2 - who is doing the tempting - the Evil One - how is he tempting?
 - by coming against the Identity of God and Man....
 - God isn't actually good - He is holding out....
 - You don't have enough.....

Deliverance beloved is never about what we have delivered FROM but rather what we have been delivered TO - rightful place as a child of God - FOR a very Good Father.

- But Pastor what about 1 Cor 10:13....not temptation has overtaken you.....isn't that kind of the idea that God is running a check level.....
- Again wrong conclusion - read all of 1 Cor 10

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These things happened as an example - lets look at the example

- **Gods people were delivered FROM slavery.....**
 - To - live in their rightful identity
 - For - the Glory of God - His good opinion about man would be known!

After they are delivered From slavery.....I Cor 10:13....*not temptation has overtaken you.....*

- Pharaoh chases them down.....
 - When did God say turn and fight.....find our what you are made of.....
 - Wait that didn't happen.....God said 'I will fight and I will deliver you'

No trial or testing will overtake you.....remember Pharaoh - Oh yea

- **Who parted the Red Sea?**

3 days later - no water....

- Oh yea - who gave Water?

30 days later NO Food....

- Who gave food?

In case we miss the point Paul writes this 1 Cor 10:2-4

- **The Rock you drank from was Christ - Messiah - the Anointed.....**
- How in the world do we get to Verse 13 and conclude.....I need to fight for an escape....
 - **Jesus is the ESCAPE - He is our Deliverer!**

The one who destroyed the Destroyer is the One who provides Deliverance FROM Evil and TO and FOR our Heavenly Father

Set us Free from Evil.....

Final Observation....its a challenge...because it is acceptable, subtle and justifiable...

You see in standing against Evil? There remains the possibility that the Evil I oppose Overcomes my heart!

To be delivered from evil - To and For what? To have a heart that Represents the Kingdom!

- Notice that on heels of Vs 12 Forgiveness is vs 13 deliver us from Evil.....
Not just from Evil targeted at me.....

Final Observation – We MUST watch over own heart!

* I don't like that if I land in some places in the world today...I would experience a real and present threat from people I have never met or encountered because of the color of my skin, my nationality, my language and my faith.....

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* Now the truth is MOST of us have not experienced this tangible threat on a personal level....I have not had a random gun pointed at me....but I know the threat is real today for me for my kids...

- I pray deliver us from real EVIL....

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“deliver me out of the tempting reactions of retribution and retaliation, and deliver me from becoming the evil I want to overcome.”

* Watch this - important - as I pray to be delivered FROM real EVIL - **I need to also recognize that it is very easy to allow the EVIL I am against to overtake my heart!**

* Just listen to the national dialogue on a number of issues....we can't just sit by and do nothing....

* Means we meet violence with violence.....

Now beloved our Deliverance is not just FROM Evil but TO and FOR what?

- It is TO and FOR the Jesus Way on the Earth - that is called the Kingdom of God!
- **Radical self giving self sacrificing Love and Forgiveness!**

*** Here is my point here - when we oppose anything in our heart with something OTHER than Love and Forgiveness - our heart will become what we oppose!**

If I allow my heart to become hardened....to the very thing or person I oppose....

- **I begin to become the EVIL I am opposing....**
- This is why we spent so much time on offense last week because what happens at the heart level with those we hold an offense....is we assassinate them in our heart - we hold NO love in our heart towards those we oppose!

Yet Jesus said....

- LOVE your enemies.....and pray for those who persecute you....
- Paul said Bless and do not curse - overcome EVIL with GOOD Romans 12:14-21

Beloved Deliverance From Evil - To and For Radical Love and Forgiveness.....

- To Love our Neighbor
- To love those who reject us
- For the Glory of God – the good opinion of the Father on the Earth!

Its harder to Kill you - if I have genuinely loved you from my heart and moved to bless your life!

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