



Hardest Prayer You'll Ever Pray...

WEEK 9 • "Deliver us from Evil..." • Matthew 6:5-15, ESV

⁵"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷"And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for

your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread, ¹²and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

ST. AUGUSTINE

"Augustine, Augustine, it is I!" and he responded, "Ah, yes, but it is not I!"

"We are conscious of our own weakness, and desire to enjoy the protection of God, that we may remain impregnable against the assaults of Satan."

JEAN CALVIN

"That we may not be led into temptation, deliver us from the evil one..."

To pick up the fence illustration from last week, we are NOT ONLY asking God to restrain our evil

_____ by keeping us from temptation i.e. 'putting up a fence', but also to slow down the traffic in the street— 'deliver us from evil.'

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOURSELF?

Romans 7:15-16: *"I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good."*

Romans 7:19-24: *"For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do— this I keep doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me for •s body of death?"*

We are naturally car chasers and all day long we can promise not to do 'it' again,
But when that right car comes along and we are off and running before we know it!

3 problems for 'Dogs' like us:

Noisy cars- This is the _____ !

Noisy hearts- This is the _____ !

Noisy Neighbors- This is the _____ !

TREY & MEG

Although Meg is a dog she was able to exert unbelievable _____ - _____ & unbelievable _____. What Meg needed was _____ ! He protected Meg from others and herself!

PAUL SAYS THE SAME THING IN ROMANS 7:25

You *do* what you *don't want* to do! You *don't do* what you *want* to do!

You abuse your body, abuse your heart, lust, worship your 'idol' of the week, have deep discontentment, and discontentment with the fact that your heart is discontent, you repent, but take pride that you repented, and then repent of your repentance and hope God noticed how well you knew your sin... Who will _____ from lives like that?

Romans 7:24 & 25: "What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me for this body of death? Thanks be to God— through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

HAVE YOU EVER FELT LIKE MEG, DOING SO WELL, BUT THEN JUST BLEW IT TOTALLY- THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE ONE TEACHING US TO PRAY THIS PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE IS OUR DELIVERANCE!

The hardest thing about this prayer is that WE ARE ALL STRAYS! None of us are pure! We long to get off the porch! We long to get into the garbage in the street and when we've eaten our fill we belong to come home, but when we are covered with the filth of our own inclinations and sin we stay away from the master, the only one who can deliver us from ourselves.

"CAESAR KENNEL UP!"

In a sense, when we pray, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" we are asking God to " _____ us up!"— Restrain _____ ! Protect _____ ! Rescue me from myself

Are you ready for that? You have been praying for it, do you really want that? Do you understand what being 'delivered from evil' might mean in your life? It might mean _____ that relationship because the sex won't stop any other way, It might mean _____ talking to someone about that 'secret sin' which you think NO ONE else struggles with, and you are convinced that there is no hope for you at all, you will just have to defeat it on your own!

This will be painful. It will cost you things you've loved & hated at the same time.

We've been asking God to "kennel us up" for some time.

We ready for Him to deliver us from the _____, the _____, and the _____?

If your response to the Gospel isn't personal holiness, then you DO NOT UNDERSTAND the Gospel!

IF WE HAVE SEEN BY GRACE THAT OURS SINS PUT OUR MASTER TO DEATH, THEN ARE WE READY TO HATE THOSE THINGS THAT PUT HIM TO DEATH?

Being 'kenneled up' is hard. It will cost us many of those pet sins which we have loved and hated for years, but the hardest part about this prayer is knowing what it cost our master to adopt strays like us. Let us, by grace, love what He loves and hate what He hates— love the porch more than the street!