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Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church Confirmation

The Lord's Prayer: The Sixth and Seventh Petitions and Conclusion

After completing the lesson, the student will be able to:

- Write out from memory the Sixth Petition, and summarize what it means.
- Know the difference between 'temptation' and 'testing' as used in the Bible.
- Describe the purpose of 'testing' in a believer's life.
- Describe the promise that God makes us regarding times when we are tempted.
- Write out from memory the Seventh Petition, and summarize what it means.
- Describe some of the "evil" that Satan uses to harm us.
- Name at least two encouragements we receive when we remember the Bible's truths when we face evil.
- Write out from memory the Conclusion, and summarize what it means.
- Know what "amen" means.

THE SIXTH PETITION

1. Use your catechism to write in the following information about the Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer. Please copy it word for word below.

What is the Sixth Petition?

What does this mean?

Petitions six and seven are probably the most difficult to understand. Why? Because of the incorrect idea that God would tempt us and desire us to fall into sin. It is important that we understand that in the bible, "temptation" is used in two ways.

First, temptation can refer to an act of testing or trying. Think of a car engine. It is **tested** over and over again in the factory to make sure it works correctly before it is put in a vehicle. The same is true for cell phones, computers, football helmets, airbags, toys, video games, and many other products. They all have undergone various kinds of **testing** at the factory to be sure they will work properly, or to reveal any weaknesses in the product. The same is true of our lives. If we are training for the Dance team or the Football team, we look forward to the **testing** (or 'tempting') to occur in a competition. This competition

will show strengths and weaknesses, and in the end, will make us all the better as participants. In this way, testing or tempting can be seen as something positive or beneficial.

Secondly, the Bible refers to 'temptation' as something that leads to sin. Where the purpose of 'temptation' in the example above was to improve or test, here, 'temptation' means to lead to failure. This type of temptation is not for our improvement. Instead, this type of temptation comes to cause us harm, to get us to fail, or to bring to us despair, shame, and guilt. Basically, this temptation invites us to sin.

Most often in Scripture, these two ideas are kept separate by the use of the words to translate the idea of 'temptation'. When evil is intended, the word temptation is most often used. However, when good is intended, most often the word is translated as 'testing.'

2. Summarize briefly the two ways in which the word "temptation" is used in the Bible? (what two things can it mean?)

3. Does the Bible tell us that God would tempt men? Read James 1:13-14 as you answer.

4. What is the purpose of God's testing of His people? Read the following verses as you answer.

James 1:2-3;

1 Peter 1:6-7;

It is vital that we understand that God does not tempt anyone unto sin. He is a holy and loving God, and desires the success of His children and not their failure. However, He often uses times of trial and testing in order to purify or strengthen His children.

Yet, it is correct to say that God permits temptations to come upon us. He is all-powerful and all-knowing, and all things happen under His care and control. In His wisdom, God permits temptations to come unto us, but His purpose is always that we would resist these temptations and as a result we would grow in the strength of our faith and in the holiness of our lives.

5. If God isn't the author, or cause, of our temptation, who is? Read the following verse as you answer.

Genesis 3:1;

1 Peter 5:8-9;

1 John 2:15-17;

6. What promises do the following verses provide for us as we face temptations and trials?

1 Corinthians 10:13;

2 Thessalonians 3:3;

THE SEVENTH PETITION

7. Use your catechism to write in the following information about the Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer. Please copy it word for word below.

What is the Seventh Petition?

What does this mean?

In this petition we pray to be 'delivered' from evil; that is, we pray that our lives would be free from evil, and delivered from all its consequences and effects. All evil is the consequence of sin, and specifically in this petition we are seeking our Lord's gracious help in preserving us from all evil:

- evil of our bodies—including sickness, pain, thirst, and hunger;
- evils of our hearts—including unbelief, sorrow, despair, anxiety, and worry;
- evils of property—including war, floods, famine, riots, and poverty;
- evils against honor—that is, disgrace, slander, lies, or anything that may ruin our reputation.

8. What four types of evil are we seeking to be preserved from when we pray in this petition?

9. We will experience many 'deliverances' in our lives, in fact, many in which we may not even be aware. But according to 2 Timothy 4:18, when does our final deliverance occur?

10. What do the following passages tell us regarding our deliverance from evil?

Psalm 121:7;

John 10:27-29;

THE CONCLUSION

11. Use your catechism to write in the following information about the Conclusion of the Lord's Prayer. Please copy it word for word below.

What is the Conclusion?

What does this mean?

12. In this petition, who has the power to help us and who has all the glory?

Closing the Lord's Prayer with the word "amen" means simply that we can know for sure that these petitions are acceptable or heard by Him. Amen means simply, 'yes, so it shall be; yes, this is true.' As we say 'amen' we are proclaiming our sure hope and confidence in God.

13. What does 'amen' mean?

In closing this unit of study, and especially this petition, it is vital that we recognize the great importance of prayer in our lives. While the Lord's Prayer provides for us the perfect model, it is not intended to be the only prayer that represents our prayer life. My hope (and prayer!) for each and everyone of you is that as you grow and mature in your faith, that your prayer life becomes more and more a blessing and a time of intimacy with your heavenly Father. He desires fellowship with you, and prayer is a way of fellowship. Further, let us always know our dependency upon prayer. In this life, we will never be free from our old nature, from temptation, and from evil. Yet, through Christ, we can be victorious over these foes that seek to harm us. May God find us faithful as children of prayer!

STUDENT & PARENT QUESTIONS: *for the student and a parent to discuss and answer together*

1. Read Proverbs 1:10 & 1 Corinthians 15:33. Discuss what these verses warn us against.

2. How would you describe the sort of "company" you currently associate with? Do you see a need in your life (both parents and students) to further develop supportive Christian relationships, or do you already have solid Christian friendships?

STUDENT & PARENT SIGNATURE:

By signing below, we affirm (1) this lesson is complete and that (2) we completed the "Student & Parent Questions" section together

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____