

## Matt 6.13 Temptation and Deliverance quotes

The NT tells us that this age will be characterized by wars and rumors of wars... but does not find it incongruous to urge us to pray for those in authority so "that we may live peaceful and quiet lives" (1Ti 2: 2). While Jesus told his disciples to rejoice when persecuted (Mt 5: 10–12), he nevertheless exhorted them to flee from it (10: 23) and even to pray that their flight should not be too severe (24: 20). Similarly, a prayer requesting to be spared testings may not be incongruous when placed beside exhortations to consider such testings, when they come, as pure joy. – Matthew (Commentary) by D. A. Carson

"Do you mortify; do you make it your daily work; be always at it while you live; cease not a day from this work; be killing sin or it will be killing you." – John Owen, *Overcoming Sin and Temptation*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. – Hebrews 12:1–2

And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand." – Matthew 26:40–46

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. – James 5:16

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Isn't it terribly frightening to believe in the Devil? – Jennifer Senior

You're looking at me as though I'm weird. My God! Are you so out of touch with most of America, most of which believes in the Devil? I mean, Jesus Christ believed in the Devil! It's in the Gospels! You travel in circles that are so, so removed from mainstream America that you are appalled that anybody would believe in the Devil! Most of mankind has believed in the Devil, for all of history. Many more intelligent people than you or me have believed in the Devil. – Antonin Scalia

But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house.  
– Matthew 12:28–29

...so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.  
– 2 Corinthians 2:11

...because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us. – 1 Thessalonians 2:18

And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will. – 2 Timothy 2:24–26

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.  
– 1 Peter 5:8–9

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Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. – James 4:7

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. – Ephesians 6:10-12

When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation. – Matthew 12:43-45

In the lives of Christians... the emphasis of the New Testament is not on the influence of demons, but on the sin that remains in the believer's life. Nevertheless, we should recognize that sinning (even by Christians) does give a foothold for some kind of demonic influence in our lives. Thus, Paul could say, "Be angry, but do not sin. Do not let the sun go down on your anger and give no opportunity to the devil." (Ephesians 4:26). Wrongful anger apparently can give opportunity for the devil or demons to exert some kind of negative influence in our lives – perhaps by attacking us through our emotions and perhaps by increasing the wrongful anger that we already feel against others. – Dr. Wayne Grudem *Systematic Theology*

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and

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supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, – Ephesians 6:13–18

In marked contrast to the practice of those who today emphasize “strategic level spiritual warfare,” in no instance does anyone in the New Testament (1) summon a “*territorial spirit*” upon entering an area to preach the gospel ..., or (2) *demand information from demons about a local demonic hierarchy*, (3) *say that we should believe or teach information derived from demons*, or (4) teach by word or example that certain “*demonic strongholds*” over a city have to be broken before the gospel can be proclaimed with effectiveness. – Dr. Wayne Grudem *Systematic Theology*