PRAYER - IV

"Deliver Us From Evil"

I. FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS

- A. Ask God to forgive you.
 - 1. Sins not aware of "That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more" (Job 34:32)
 - 2. Sins are aware of "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I Jn. 1:9).
- B. Forgive as often as you want to be forgiven.
- C. Maintain a right attitude toward others.
 - 1. Unforgiveness binds you with tormenting cords of bitterness, then steals your victory, joy, and peace.
 - 2. Make a decision every day that you will forgive.
 - a. If choose to keep record of wrongs and bear a grudge, will live with the tormenting memories and demonic oppression until you release the person and forgive.
 - b. If tired of being tormented, release your offenders--forgive those who have sinned against you.

II. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

- A. The origin of temptation.
 - 1. "God cannot be tempted with evil, and he Himself tempts no man" (Jas. 1:13).
 - 2. Satan is the tempter.
 - 3. Temptation also arises from within "When drawn away of our own lust."
 - a. Uncontrolled appetites.
 - b. Evil passions.
- B. The nature of temptation.
 - 1. Can succumb to temptation as a result of our own carelessness and disobedience--yet forces beyond our control that can come to try us.
 - 2. Should pray that you don't enter temptation.
 - a. "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Mt. 26:41).
 - b. "...Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation"(Luke 22:46).
 - 3. But if you fall into temptation...
 - a. "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (Jas. 1:2-4).

- b. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive a crown of life which the Lord hath promised to them that love him" (Jas. 1:12).
- c. Endurance is continuing to believe and act upon the Word of God in the midst of conflict.
- d. "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations"(II Peter 2:9).

III. BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

- A. The <u>whole armour</u> of God.
- B. Building a <u>hedge of protection</u> around yourself and your loved ones daily by your faith declaration from Psalm 91:2 - "I will say of the Lord, he is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust."
- C. Why you can claim God's protection.
 - 1. Because thou hast <u>made the Lord thy habitation</u>.
 - 2. Because we have <u>set our love upon Him</u>.
 - a. "Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.
 - (1) One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after;

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

- (2) For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion; in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.
- b. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord."

Because he hath known My name.

- a. "The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe" (Pr. 18:10).
- b. His name signifies not only who He is, but also what He wants to be in your life: righteousness, sanctifier, peace, presence, healer, provider, banner, and shepherd. <u>Jehovah-tsidkenu</u> Jehovah our righteousness. <u>Jehovah-m'kaddesh</u> Jehovah who sanctifies. <u>Jehovah-shalom</u> Jehovah who sanctifies. <u>Jehovah-shammah</u> Jehovah is there. <u>Jehovah-rophe</u> Jehovah heals. <u>Jehovah-jireh</u> Jehovah's provision shall be seen.

<u>Jehovah-nissi</u> - Jehovah my banner. <u>Jehovah-rohi</u> - Jehovah my shepherd.

Our confession: You are my refuge, my fortress, my God. In You do I trust. I know Your name. Your are my righteousness, sanctifier, peace, healer, provider, banner, and shepherd, and Your presence dwells within me."

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY FOREVER

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created" (Rev. 4:11).

"...Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever" (Rev. 5:13)