

# Deliver Us From Evil

**Text:** Now again the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and it incited David against them to say, "*Go, number Israel and Judah.*" (2 Samuel 24:1)

**Question 127:** What does the sixth petition mean?

**Answer:** "*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*" means: We are so weak that we cannot stand on our own for a moment, and our sworn enemies—the devil, the world, and our own flesh—never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong by the power of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may not be defeated in this spiritual fight, but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.

## Intro: Satan & His One Aim

And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world... Revelation 12:9

## I. God's Anger

## II. God's Punishment

Then Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel. (1 Chronicles 21:1)

Then the LORD said to Satan, "*Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him.*" So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD. (Job 1:12)

Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD terrorized him. (1 Samuel 16:14)

behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,' declares the LORD, 'and I will send to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land... (Jeremiah 25:9)

## III. David's Sin

## Application 1: James 1:13

Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. 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. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. (James 1:12-14)

## Application 2: Perseverance or Preservation?

Canons of Dordt fifth head; articles 3-4, 6

## Application 3: The Struggle

The inevitable question

## Application 4: The Victory

Jesus