Texts: Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:1-4

"AND DO NOT LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE" Matthew 6:13

- 1. And do not lead us into temptation
 - a) The word "temptation"
 It has two possible meanings:
 - i) Testing (not necessary to do evil)
 - ii) Temptation (to do evil)
 - b) The word "lead"
- i) A general understanding to trace God's hand of involvement in all matters
 - ii) Even when we lead ourselves, God's hand is to be recognised
 - b) Do not lead us into temptations
 - i) It is a natural cry from the heart not to enter into temptations
- ii) But this prayer is offered with the understanding that God may allow us to go through difficult testing
- 2. But deliver us from the evil one
 - a) The translation of this text in the KJV "But deliver us from evil"
 - b) The translation of this text in the NKJV "But deliver us from the evil one"
 - c) The latter is more correct
 - i) The evil one in mind
 - ii) He will be there to test and tempt
 - d) We may pray for deliverance
 - i) The Lord will enable us to overcome the evil one

- ii) He may deliver us
- iii) He will be there to help us
- 3. The Lord Jesus in the wilderness tested by the Evil One

Matthew 4

- a) He was sorely tested
- b) But He had the Holy Spirit
- c) He had the Word of God and He defeated the Evil One