

July 9, 2023

*Tenth in an eleven-part series on The Lord's Prayer*

**THE SEVENTH PETITION**

But deliver us from evil.

*What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our heavenly Father would deliver us from all manner of evil, whether it affect body or soul, property or reputation, and at last, when the hour of death shall come, grant us a blessed end and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

*What do you pray for in the seventh petition?*

I pray that God would deliver us from evil.

*From what evil do we pray God to deliver us in this petition?*

We pray that God would deliver us from all sin that still clings to us and from all the destructive effects of sin upon soul and body, property and honor.

*Can we expect to be entirely free from all evil while in this world?*

No, we cannot; but we pray in this petition that God would deliver us more and more from all evil, and that God would at last grant us a blessed end and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

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