

Luke 11 pt. 1 vs. 01-04

Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

² So He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven.

³ Give us day by day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

⁵ And He said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; ⁶ for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷ and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'? ⁸ I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

1. Luke is taking us on a journey to show what a disciple looks like
 - a. We looked at the story of the good Samaritan
 - i. Loving God and loving others is a choice
 - b. We looked at Martha and Mary

- i. Mary chose the One Thing needed – sitting at Jesus' feet
2. In Ch. 11, we will learn about the model prayer
3. (vv. 2–4) **Pattern** for prayer
4. (vv. 5–8) **Persistence** in prayer
5. (vv. 9–13) **Promises** for prayer
 - a. As disciples, we should know it and understand it.
 - a. Not everyone is familiar with this prayer. Two men were out walking one day. One guy challenged his buddy by saying, "If you're so religious, let me hear you quote the Lord's Prayer. I'll bet you \$10 you can't do it." The second guy responded, "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep. And if I die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take." The first guy pulled out his wallet, fished out a \$10 bill and muttered, "I didn't think you could do it!" (Bill)
 - b. As disciples, we need to learn to pray
6. This is the one thing the disciples asked Jesus to teach them
 - a. Not teach them to preach or do miracles
 - b. This is interesting because the Jews had many memorized prayers
 - c. Although Moses didn't give instructions on prayer

- d. The prophets didn't instruct people to pray
7. But the disciples saw something in His life that prompted the request
- a. There was a clear connection between Jesus's prayer life and His power
 - i. When He leaves His prayer time, He seems to full of joy
 - ii. He seems to know where He's going
 - iii. He is so confident
 - iv. He has amazing wisdom
 - v. He's both strong and compassionate
 - b. The disciples connected the dots and said, "Lord, teach us to pray"
 - c. One's ability to pray will touch every other area in the believer's life
 - d. The Christian who prays, has everything he needs
 - e. The lifeline between him and God is open
 - f. This brings a confidence and reliance on God who is ultimately in control
8. This is not the Lord's prayer but the disciples' prayer

- a. Model / Template / **Pattern** for prayer
9. You may notice that the prayer can be broken up into 6 sections
- a. The first 3 have to do with our relationship to God
 - b. The last 3 have to do with our needs here on earth
 - c. In this prayer, we have insight into the heart of God
 - i. "Our Father," that's God's **paternity**.
 - ii. "Hallowed be Thy name," that's God's **priority**.
 - iii. "Your kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," that's God's **purpose**.
 - iv. "Give us this day our daily bread," that's God's **provision**.
 - v. "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors," that's God's **pardon**.
 - vi. "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil," that's God's **protection**.
 - d. Six petitions; the first three related to God and His glory,
 - i. The last three related to man and his need.

- e. Paternity, Priority, Purpose
- f. Provision, Pardon, Protection

1. **Paternity:**

- a. **When you pray say; Our Father in heaven**
- b. This was different for the Jewish people
 - i. God was their father as a nation, but that was not a common term for them
- c. Reveals that God is more than the distant Holy One of Israel.
- d. He is a loving Father who desires to adopt as many as will have Him as Abba
 - i. A term of endearment – a close relationship
- e. **When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven**
- f. **Here one begins prayer on the right foundation**
- g. God is not a concept or a religion.
- h. **He is a person; a Father**
 - i. **1 Chron 29:10** Therefore David blessed the Lord before all the assembly; and David said: "Blessed are You, Lord God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever

- j. **Psalm 68:5** A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, *Is* God in His holy habitation
- k. Many approach God and don't know if God hears or wants to hear
- l. Perhaps their walk doesn't qualify them for that close relationship
- m. **Rom 8:14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God
- n. [As John Calvin comments \(The Institutes \[3:20:37\]\), "For \[God\] is not only a father but by far the best and kindest of all fathers" He always welcomes His children in His presence \(Cole\)](#)
- o. **Jer 3:4** Will you not from this time cry to Me, 'My Father, You *are* the guide of my youth?
- p. **Luke 15**, I will return to my **Father's** house...
- q. **This statement of "Our Father" changes the dynamic of our relationship**
- r. It helps me in a few different ways
 - i. If God is my father, then my identity is settled
 - 1. He willed for me to be here

2. I'm not an accident
 3. I have value in His eyes
 4. There is a reason, purpose for my existence
- ii. **John 1:12** as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His Name
1. As a child of God, I have a new nature – one that delights in the Holy things of God
- iii. If God is my father, You'll have faith when you recognize to whom you are speaking is omnipotent
1. He is more than able to handle any situation
 2. Nothing catches God by surprise or too difficult
 3. **Jer 32:17** 'Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.
 4. **Acts 4:24** So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, ... ²⁹ Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,³⁰ by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders

may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.” ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

- iv. Also, if God is my father, then every believer is my brother & sister
- v. God loves us equally and has a plan for all of us
- vi. No need to compete, we complete each other
- s. This is just the beginning of the journey of discovering how amazing your heavenly Father is & how that changes everything for us
- t. **It's the first step & foundation of the prayer**

2. **Priority:**

- a. Along with acknowledging that God is our father, we need to acknowledge that He is Holy
- b. **Hallowed be Your Name**
- c. *Hallowed* is the same word as *sanctified, set apart,*

- d. **1 Sam 2:2** "There is no one holy like the LORD, Indeed, there is no one besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God.
- e. **Psalm 22:3** You are holy, O You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- f. **Luke 1:49** "For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name.
- g. We normally focus on our own needs first
- h. Like when children are young, they are consumed with themselves and craving attention
 - i. As the child develops, they recognize that the world doesn't revolve around them
 - ii. They begin to place others first
 - iii. In our relationship with God, we're not just to place Him first, but in a complete different category - **HOLY**
- i. He doesn't have the temperaments we do
 - i. He is all knowing, we are not
 - ii. He sees the future, we cannot
 - iii. He is omnipresent – everything is in His presence
 - iv. He is always good
 - v. Always kind
 - vi. Always merciful

- vii. Always forgiving...
 - j. The disciple approaches God's person with the recognition that God is holy--that is, "set apart" and unique. There is none like him, and no one has the authority he possesses (**Bock**)
 - k. Recognizing the Holiness and Majesty of God, gives Him His rightful position
 - l. **That's why we enter His presence with thanksgiving & praise**
 - m. **Just as the angels and saints in heaven are worshipping, Holy, Holy, Holy...**
 - n. We're speaking to one who is Always good and desires the best for us
 - o. The sooner we forget our personal desires as priority, the more satisfied we become
3. **Purpose:**
- a. **Your kingdom come, Your will be done** addresses that I lay my will aside to make room for God's will
 - b. ...the purpose of prayer is not to get man's will done in heaven, but to get God's will done on earth. Prayer is not telling God what we want and then selfishly enjoying it. Prayer is asking God to use

us to accomplish what He wants so that His name is glorified
(**Wiersbe**)

- a. Your will be done acknowledges that God has a specific will and we pray that His will be accomplished
- b. **On a personal level**
 - i. **Eph 2:10** For we are his workmanship (masterpiece), created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
- c. **This prayer is giving God access into our lives**
- d. God will not force Himself into our situations
- e. He must be invited in to take His rightful place
- f. Asking God to rule over my life and cause His will to be done
- g. This is where the challenge happens because most people want their own will to be done with the stamp of God's approval blessing their program.
- h. God already has a plan, and our job is to walk in His plan
- i. It was in 1873, in Dublin that D.L. Moody heard British evangelist Henry Varley utter those life changing words: "The world has yet to see what God can do with and for and through and in a man who is fully and wholly consecrated to Him

- j. Someone may say, where do I begin knowing the will of God
 - ii. **1Th_4:3** For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality;
 - iii. **1Th_5:18** give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
 - iv. **1Pe_2:15** (Submit to those in authority) For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

- k. Begin with these
 - l. **On a larger scale, the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which is lost (Luke 19:10)**

- m. God's purpose is first and foremost to save people from their sins

- n. As we pray, we should be asking God to save the souls of the lost

- o. God wants to use His children to reach the lost

- p. **So first we have the acknowledgment that**
 - v. God is our Father
 - vi. His name is Holy
 - vii. His will is perfect & preeminent to all other wills

 - viii. After we have the proper perspective, we then move on to us

4. **Provision:**

- a. God wants us to ask for provision – the needs in our lives – not our greed's
- b. Acknowledging our needs makes the relationship genuine
 - i. While God is the creator, giver of life
 - ii. He wants to hear from me expressing my heart to Him
- c. Give us this day speaks of my dependence on God on a daily basis.
- d. He cares about the most basic human needs
 - i. Every detail of our lives concern God
- e. We ask for physical bread and heavenly bread
- f. We shouldn't ask for a week's supply.
- g. As the manna was available for one day, so our connection with God should be daily.
- h. Here we acknowledge that our jobs are not our source
 - i. Our degrees are not our source
 - ii. Our life experience is not our source
 - iii. **God alone is our source**

iv. In Him we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28)

5. **Pardon:** / forgiveness

- a. As bread is the primary need of the body, forgiveness is the need of the soul
- b. We sometimes want to begin our prayers by asking forgiveness, but it doesn't come first
 - i. If we begin with asking forgiveness, we'll focus on ourselves and miss God entirely
- c. Here we acknowledge that although we're children, we still sin
- d. As children, we have the right to approach God and ask for forgiveness and trust that the Blood of Christ cleanses
- e. I need to remember that His mercies are new every morning and each day is a fresh day with God.
- f. A group of theologians asked, what is found in Christianity which is not found in any other religion? C.S. Lewis ...answered, "That's simple, "the forgiveness of sin.
- g. **Isaiah 43:25** "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins.

- h. **Micah 7:19** He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.
- i. **Isaiah 1:18** Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land;
- j. **Lam 3:22** *Through* the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.
²³ *They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.*²⁴ "The Lord *is* my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!"
- k. **Who doesn't want to be forgiven?**
 - l. Forgiveness is not fully enjoyed by the believer who won't forgive others
 - m. **Col 3:13** Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
 - n. Being able to forgive others is an indication that I have received forgiveness from God

6. **Protection:**

- a. Keep us from temptation helps us identify that everyone faces trials and temptations
 - b. Without God's help, any temptation for us is too much for us to handle
 - c. **James 1:13** 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.
 - d. Any trial allowed by God is designed to strengthen my faith
 - e. **1 Peter 1:7** that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than **gold** that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,
 - f. "Lead us not into temptation," is an acknowledgement of the weakness and sinfulness of our hearts. It is an admission that if God were to withdraw His gracious hand, we would fall into sin immediately (**Cole**)
 - g. It's an admission of absolute reliance on God
 - h. These 6 points are to be prayed as I spend time with the Lord (hopefully before we begin our day)
 - i. Asking for deliverance before the trial is much more effective than asking for help in the middle of the trial
7. This is not an exhaustive look at each of these sections

8. **Next time we'll look at Persistence** in prayer, followed by **Promises** for prayer