

Luke 11 pt. 2 vs. 01-08

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 began looking at the model prayer
 - a. (vv. 2–4) **Pattern** for prayer
 - b. (vv. 5–8) **Persistence** in prayer
 - c. (vv. 9–13) **Promises** for prayer
- 3. As disciples, we should know it and understand it.
 - a. We need to learn to pray
- 4. 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
 - 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. He's able to flourish like a palm tree in the desert

5. The Japanese introduced a tree to the world that is called a Bonsai tree. It is measured in inches instead of feet as other trees are measured. It grows in a stunted miniature form.
6. The reason for it growing in stunted form is that when it first stuck its head out of the ground as a sapling, the owner pulled it out of the soil and tied off its main tap root and some of its branch feeder roots and then replanted it.
7. By doing this, its grower deliberately stunted its growth by limiting the roots ability to spread out and grow deep and take in enough of the soils nutrients for a normal growth.
8. What was done to the Bonsai tree by its owner is what Satan has purposed to do to the believer, if he can. He is going to try to tie off our tap root of prayer. He wants to limit our receiving in prayer what God supplies for our spiritual growth.
9. Seeing how important prayer is, our Lord wants to teach us to pray
10. What is more important than good communication in a relationship?
 - a. Model / Template / **Pattern** for prayer
11. This prayer is 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
 - 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**.
- c. Six petitions; the first three related to God and His glory,
- i. The last three related to man and his need.

1. **Paternity:**

- a. **When you pray say; Our Father in heaven**
- b. Reveals that God is more than our Creator
- c. 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
 - ii. This is unique because its normally the proud parents of good kids that want to show them off
 - 1. If kids are not doing so well, many parents want to change the subject
 - 2. We know that all of us have sinned

- d. When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven
- e. **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. We're not speaking to someone with our frailty – He is Holy
- e. **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.

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. God has a perfect will and we should request His first
- c. For our lives as well as for those around us
- d. That's why we should wake up each morning ready to share God's goodness with anyone who is ready to hear it

e. **So the format is as follows:**

- i. God is our Father
- ii. His name is Holy
- iii. His will is perfect & preeminent to all other wills

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

4. **Provision:**

- a. **Give us day by day** our daily bread

- b. This is written in a time when people did their shopping daily which was until refrigerators were invented for home use (1913)

- c. In some places, people stand in bread lines and sometimes can't find any bread

- d. Speaks of our dependence on God on a daily basis

- e. He cares about the most basic human needs
 - i. Every detail of our lives concern God

- f. God wants us to ask for provision – the needs in our lives – not our greed's

- g. We ask for physical bread and heavenly bread
 - i. That's one of the reasons we give thanks before meals
 - ii. Acknowledging that God is the source of this food
- h. We shouldn't ask for a week's supply.
 - i. As the manna was available day by day, so our reliance on God should be daily – not to pile up for tomorrow
 - j. As the Lord was teaching Israel to depend on Him daily, He wants us to do the same by relying on God
- k. **Proverbs 30:8**, "Give me neither poverty nor riches."
 - l. There's a wise prayer. "Feed me with the food that is my portion."
- m. Don't give me any more than You want to give me. "If you give me too much, I'll be full and deny You and say, who's the Lord? I'm a self-made man."
- n. Or if You give me too little, I'll be in want and steal and profane the name of my God.
- o. Just give me what I need. Give me the basics. (**MacArthur**)
- p. **Here we acknowledge that God is our source**
 - i. It's not our jobs
 - ii. It's not our degrees
 - iii. It's not our life experience or talents
 - iv. **God alone is our source**

ii. 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. 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.
- c. Forgiveness is reconciling the relationship between 2 parties
- d. 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
 - ii. That's why this is #5 on the list
- e. As believers in Christ, we have the assurance that His blood has once for all cleansed us from every sin (Heb. 10:10, 14). And yet we need daily to apply that blood to our hearts so that we can come before God with a clear conscience. It's not a matter of my eternal standing before God; it's a matter of my present relationship with Him (**Cole**)
- f. You are your father's child because you were born in His family

- i. But you'll only be able to enjoy close fellowship with Him when you confess and ask for forgiveness
- g. Although we're children, we still sin
- h. **If sin is not dealt with, it brings death**
 - i. In 1880, James Garfield was elected president (20th) of the United States, but after only six months in office, he was shot in the back with a revolver. He never lost consciousness. At the hospital, the doctor probed the wound with his little finger to seek the bullet. He couldn't find it, so he tried a silver-tipped probe. Still he couldn't locate the bullet.

They took Garfield back to Washington, D.C. Despite the summer heat, they tried to keep him comfortable. He was growing very weak. Teams of doctors tried to locate the bullet, probing the wound over and over. In desperation they asked Alexander Graham Bell, who was working on device called the telephone, to see if he could locate the metal inside the president's body. He came, he sought, and he too failed. The president hung on through July, through August, but in September he finally died-not from the wound, but from infection.

- j. The repeated probing, which the physicians thought would help the man, eventually, killed him. So it is with people who dwell too long on their sin and refuse to release it to God.
 - i. We're invited by God to confess and ask for forgiveness

- ii. As children, we trust that the Blood of Christ cleanses
- k. I need to remember that His mercies are new every morning and each day is a fresh day with God.
- l. **Isaiah 43:25** "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins.
- m. **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.
- n. **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;
- o. **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!"
- p. **Who doesn't want to be forgiven?**
- q. **Forgiveness is not fully enjoyed by the believer who refuses to forgive others**
- r. **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.

- s. Being able to forgive others is an indication that I'm enjoying forgiveness from God
- t. Jesus is teaching this in a culture where the scribes and Rabbis say, forgive once, forgive twice, but the third offence merits no forgiveness.
- u. **Matthew 18**, Peter: How often shall I forgive my brother, "up to seven times?"
- v. **No Peter, 70 times 7 - Jesus explains unlimited forgiveness**
- w. A certain king wanted to settle accounts
- x. One owed him 10,000 talents – an amount too large to count
- y. The king commanded that he be sold, his wife, children and all that he had till payment was made
- z. Begging the king for patience, the king was moved with compassion and forgave the debt
- aa. This servant leaves the king's presence & grabs the one who owes him 100 Denarii by the throat and puts him in prison
- bb. **Matthew 18:32** Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you

pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

- cc. Forgiving others is a must but it's not always easy
- dd. Corrie ten Boom told of not being able to forget a wrong that had been done to her. She had forgiven the person, but she kept rehashing the incident and so couldn't sleep. She spoke with a pastor who showed her the church bell tower. The bell is rung by pulling on a rope. After one lets go of the rope, the bell keeps on swinging. Slower and slower until there's a final dong and it stops.
- ee. I believe the same thing is true of forgiveness. When we forgive, we take our hand off the rope. But if we've been tugging at our grievances for a long time, we shouldn't be surprised if the old angry thoughts keep coming for a while.
- ff. Some of us need to stop pulling the rope of replying the offense and trust God with our thoughts and emotions
- gg. **Eph 4:32** Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

6. **Protection:**

- a. Lead us not into temptation helps us identify that **everyone faces trials and temptations**

- b. This request is asking God to keep evil away from us and us away from evil
- c. John Piper says that sin (lust for example) "gets its power by persuading me to believe that I will be more happy if I follow it. The power of all temptation is the prospect that it will make me happier."
- d. Without God's help, any temptation for us is too much for us to handle
- e. **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.
- f. Any trial allowed by God is designed to strengthen my faith
- g. **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,
- h. "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**)
- i. **It's inviting God to watch over us**

- i. **Psalm 19:13** Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous (willful) (deliberate) *sins*
- j. Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love...
- k. Along with the temptation from within, we are also surrounded by evil from without

- i. **Protect us from the evil one**

- ii. We're battling the world, the flesh & the devil
 - l. It's an admission of absolute reliance on God
- m. These 6 points are to be prayed as I spend time with the Lord (hopefully before we begin our day)
- n. This prayer could be said in this sense: "We will not eat if You don't feed us. We will not live if you don't forgive us. We will not survive if you don't protect us." That is a confession and an admission.
 - o. "Lord, we affirm that You're the source of our food,
 - p. we affirm You're the source of our forgiveness,
 - q. We affirm You're the source of our protection."

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