

TEACH US TO PRAY

LUKE 11

Text: Luke 11:1

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¹ And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

Introduction:

1. REQUEST – “TEACH US TO PRAY”

A. The Disciples Displayed a Humble Spirit

B. The Disciples Displayed a Hungry Spirit

2. REPRESENTATION – “WHEN YE PRAY”

Luke 11:2

² And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Matthew 6:9

⁹ After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Matthew 6:28-32

²⁸ And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: ²⁹ And

yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.³⁰ Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith?³¹ Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?³² (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

We see in this example the basis of prayer.

- Relationship

The basis of our prayers is based on our relationship.

- God is more than a Creator
- God is more than a Decree Maker
- Above all is the divine family for whom the universe with its decrees exist

Romans 8:17

¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

We see in this example the responsibility in prayer.

- Responsibility

God freely charges Himself with all the responsibilities as does a good father in taking care of and meeting the needs of His children.

Matthew 6:25

²⁵ Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Matthew 6:32

³² (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

Matthew 7:9-11

⁹ Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? ¹¹ If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Note:

A. The Right Approach

Luke 11:2-4

² And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. ³ Give us day by day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

There are six parts to this prayer.

The first three are focused on God

- Prayer involves the right person – “Our Father
- Prayer involves the right praise – “Hallowed be thy name”
- Prayer involves the right purpose – “Thy will be done”

The last parts are personal

- Praying for provisions – “Our daily bread”
- Praying for pardon – “Forgive us”
- Praying for protection – “Lead us”

3. REALIZATION (vs.5-13)

Luke 11:5-13

⁵ And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; ⁶ For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? ⁷ And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. ⁸ I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. ⁹ And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. ¹⁰ For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. ¹¹ If

a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if *he ask* a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? ¹² Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³ If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

In these verses we see that we can anticipate goodness from God, because God is good.

4. REALITY

As I close I want us to consider the substance of this request.

When is it that most people pray most fervently?

Time of Need

Time of Fear

Time of Sickness

Time of Death

Time of Distress in a Nation, Community, Home

Understand that if the Lord is to teach us to pray it may include some of these things that cause us to pray.

