

# Luke 11:1-26 - Jesus Teaches Us To Pray

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Luke 11:1-13 KJV 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. (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.

## Luk 11:1 One Disciple SAID TO HIM “Lord teach us to pray”

**Why this -- and not some other great thing - like teach us to walk on water?**

### **What was it about Jesus’ prayer life - that stirred a hunger in them?**

- The Jewish people prayed 3 times per day -- they saw people pray all the time
- They had seen Jesus pray on numerous occasions but somehow it seemed different

## A Clue -- He leads us to focus our attention in prayer to the **Father**

Mat 6:5-8 ESV "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 7 "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

## Through Prayer - a deep work is done in our lives

- Prayer helps me comprehend **the true nature of God**
  - He is a Father --- He is in heaven --- His name is Holy
- Prayer helps me **get my heart more closely aligned to God’s**
  - He has a kingdom and a will that He desires to be done on earth
- Prayer **moves me to be responsive** to His ways in my life
  - Prayer for needs --- forgiveness --- protection

## PRAYER HELPS ME GRASP THE TRUE NATURE OF GOD

1) He is a Father - He desires an intimate relationship with us

### **The Holy Spirit given to us at our New Birth cries ABBA FATHER**

- Romans 8:15 NIV The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

## 2) He is in Heaven - While He is intimate and close - He is God in heaven and powerful

- 2 Chronicles 20:6 ESV and said, "O LORD, God of our fathers, **are you not God in heaven?** You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you. (*Jehoshaphat sent musicians*)
- Mat 26:52-53 ESV Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. 53 **Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father**, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?"

## 3) Holy is His name -Sanctify your name

- Psa 111:7-9 ESV The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; 8 they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. 9 He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. **Holy and awesome is his name!**
- Eze 39:7 ESV "And my holy name I will make known in the midst of my people Israel, and I will not let my holy name be profaned anymore. **And the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.**
- Lev 22:31-32 ESV "So you shall keep my commandments and do them: I am the LORD. 32 **And you shall not profane my holy name, that I may be sanctified among the people of Israel.** I am the LORD who sanctifies you,

## PRAYER HELPS ME GET MY HEART PROPERLY ALIGNED

### 4) His Kingdom come - His will be done on earth- Jesus did will of the Father

- Luke 22:42 NIV "**Father**, if you are willing, take this cup from me; **yet not my will, but yours be done.**"
- Matthew 7:21 NIV "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one **who does the will of my Father** who is in heaven.
- Matthew 12:50 NIV For whoever does **the will of my Father** in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

## PRAYER MOVES ME TO BE RESPONSIVE TO HIS WAY OF LIVE

### 5) Daily bread - (Like a Father) He wants to be our source and wants us to know WE CAN TRUST HIM He is trustworthy - a message of trust and a message of contentment

- Matthew 6:26 NIV Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet **your heavenly Father feeds them.** Are you not much more valuable than they?
- Luke 12:30 NIV For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your **Father knows that you need them.**

6) Forgiveness of trespasses - (Like a Father) We are part of HIS family and He wants us to honor one another - a message that values others

- Matthew 6:14 NIV For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, **your heavenly Father will also forgive you.**
- Luke 23:34 NIV Jesus said, "**Father, forgive them,** for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

7) Lead us not to temptation - deliver us from the evil one - (Like a Father) He desires to protect us from harm

- Psa 141:3-4 ESV Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips! 4 **Do not let my heart incline to any evil,** to busy myself with wicked deeds in company with men who work iniquity, and let me not eat of their delicacies!
- John 17:11 NIV I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. **Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name,** the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

#### **Prayer from the Perspective of the ASKER ( God is not like this man)**

(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.

- ***If this guy*** can get up and give - then HOW MUCH MORE can we have confidence that our FATHER will hear and answer
  - **what about vain repetition**
- **A. S. K.** Ask - Keep asking, Seek & Keep seeking, Knock & Keep knocking

#### **Prayer from the Perspective of the GIVER (God will do much better)**

(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?**

- Asking for the Holy Spirit