

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Teach Us To Pray" (Part-3)
Luke 11:5-13
Study-48

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4 Jesus taught this prayer at least **two times**

(Verses 1-4 Principles of Prayer; Verses 5-8 Determination in Prayer; Verses 9-13 Encouragement For Prayer)

Luke 11:9-11; Is also recorded in **Matthew 7:7-11**

Matthew's Gospel ends Jesus's instructions on prayer **Matthew 6:13**

Luke's Gospel continues instruction on prayer and gives a parable of **"The Friend At Midnight"**

Luke 9:51-19:27 The Rejection Of The Son Of Man

Thought Of Our Passage: "Believers Are To Pray And Not Lose Heart Knowing That God Always Gives The Best To His Children"

- 1. Verses 5-8 Calling At Midnight**
- 2. Verses 9-13 Knocking At The Door**

1. Verses 5-8 Calling At Midnight:

Luke 11:5 Then He said to them,

Context – Jesus has just taught on how to pray, "The Lord's Prayer" really the disciples prayer. **Luke 11:2-4**

Then He said to them, Jesus in Luke's Gospel continues teaching on the subject of prayer. He speaks of the disciples Determination in Prayer; and Encouragement For Prayer.

"Suppose one of you has a friend, Jesus starts out talking about **friendship** Jesus will conclude with speaking about **sonship.**

Jesus taught us How to pray and now When should we pray?

"Suppose one of you has a friend, Paraphrase "*Can any of you imagine a friend...*" **Because Jesus expected a negative reply, "NO! We cannot think of one of our neighbors doing such a thing!"**

and goes to him at midnight Unexpected time, not convenient, must be important!

Notice That In A Crisis The Man Goes To His Friend: and says to him, 'Friend, which is the key word, **'Friend four times** in this parable.

Notice That The Man Knew His Friend Could Meet His Need: lend me three loaves; (We know as friends of God, He can meet our need)

Luke 11:6 Notice That The Man Spoke Bluntly To His Friend: (Pours His Heart Out To The Lord) for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey,

Prayer Is Born Out Of A Great Sense Of Need: and I have nothing to set before him';

Hospitality in the East is a very serious matter. When a guest came to visit it could involve the entire community.

Luke 11:7 my children and I are in bed; When the children are down you don't want to wake them up! They might not go back to sleep!

Classic one-room peasant cottage.

I cannot get up and give you anything.' He would be more accurate and more honest to have said "**I will not** get up and give you anything!"

Luke 11:8 "I tell you, Jesus now applies the parable to His hearers.

even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, Notice the Contrast between the friend that would not help and God that will.

"True Prayer Is Not Based On Our Friendship With God, But On The Basis That We Are The Children Of God," "Father."

The Friend Was In Bed – Our heavenly Father is in heaven and never goes to bed. He is always there and always alert and available.

The Friend Pounded On His Friend's Door – We don't have to try and pound on God's door to wake Him up. He is aware of our needs.

The Friend Was Irritated By The Request – We are never a nuisance to God. He longs for us to call Him and ask of Him. He never refuses.

Friend Was Borrowing – No doubt the man would have to repay what was borrowed. We never have a tab with God. God is generous to us.

yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs. Do we need to keep beating on God's door?

persistence – Only time this word is used in the NT "*shamelessness, boldness*" *Bold neighbor without shame. Midnight means its important! He*

*did not care if all the neighbors woke up, he was going to keep asking!
(God is our Father)*

and give him as much as he needs. God wants us to come because He truly wants to meet our needs.

**Friendship cannot prevail, his persistence wins the day!
Romans 8:32**

Pain drives us to prayer. It is through prayer that God truly changes us. What we think we need is often altered.

2. Verses 9-13 Knocking At The Door:

Verses 9-10 Encouragement To Keep Praying: "So I say to you, ask, (Keep Asking) Note Context - Luke 11:11 his son Prayer Based On Sonship

"So I say to you, Note that Jesus gives three directions to encourage us in prayer. **Ask, Seek, Knock**

Present tense of these verbs are important: **"Keep on asking ... keep on seeking ... keep on knocking."** In other words, don't come to God only in the midnight emergencies, but keep in constant communion with your Father.

1. ask, (Son- Keep Asking) *"requesting assistance for a conscience need" Faith that keeps asking, we see our lack and ask for help! Generally used of one requesting from a superior! and it will be given to you;*

2. seek, (Son- Keep Seeking) *"asking, along with action, to get up and look around for help, speaks of effort" not casual and you will find;*

3. knock, (Son- Keep Knocking) *"asking, along with action, acting plus persevering, keep knocking on the door" that barriers are not to be looked at as final refusals, and it will be opened to you.*

Luke 11:10 Repetition Is The Certainty Of God's Response: "For everyone who asks, receives; (It's a given) That in prayer we are to make our requests to the Lord.

God uses delays to our prayers to deepen our dependence upon Him or redefine what we truly need from Him.

and he who seeks, finds; (It's a given) How God wants to reveal to us the longings of our hearts. The Bible is a treasure chest.

and to him who knocks, it will be opened. (It's a given) God will be available.

Hebrews 5:7

**Verses 11-13 Earthly Father Versus Our Heavenly Father:
Luke 11:11**

"Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish;
That this teaching of persistence has to do with the relationship with
sonship! **Luke 11:2**

**General Rule Parents Don't Give Harmful Things To Their Children:
he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he?**

We should not be afraid to pray: He is our Father and He wants to hear
from us!

**Luke 11:12 We should never be afraid of God's answer to our
prayers.**

Luke 11:13 "If you then, being evil,
Our lives are tainted by sin; Our thinking.

know how to give good gifts to your children, that a person that is a
sinner is capable of giving good gifts to their children.

(NLT) Matthew 7:11 If you sinful people know how to give good gifts to
your children,

**God Is Generous, Loving and Wise: how much more will your
heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"** He
gives the best possible gift

give the Holy Spirit At conversion we have received the greatest of all
gifts, the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Ephesians 1:17; Ephesians 3:16

to those who ask Him?" Sometimes we don't see answers to prayer; it
could be that God is wanting us to mature!

**Believers should desire God's gifts, but what we really need as a
believer is God Himself! Made real through the Holy Spirit!**

Application:

1. Prayer Is Born Out Of A Great Sense Of Need. We Must See Ourselves As Incapable Of Meeting The Need.
2. True Prayer Is Not Based On Our Friendship With God, But On The Basis That We Are The Children Of God.
3. God Uses Delays To Our Prayers To Deepen Our Dependence Upon Him, Or Redefine What We Truly Need From Him.
4. God Wants Us To Persistently Come To Him, Because God Hears And Will Give The Best To Those Who Seek Him.