

“Teach Us To Pray”
Luke 11:1-13
Prayer Week: Sunday March 5, 2017

When it comes to prayer there is only One God! Known to us as our “Heavenly Father!” The Bible says “Hallowed Be Thy Name.”

Thought Of Our Passage: “Prayer Is Based On A Relationship With God That Centers In Honoring, Advancing And Doing His Will.”

1. Verse 1 – We Must Pray

2. Verses 2-4 – How We Must Pray

3. Verses 5-10 – When We Must Pray

4. Verses 11-13 – What Happens When We Pray

1. Verse 1 – We Must Pray:

Luke 11:1

“It happened” – The Context: Luke 10:38-42 – Jesus visited Martha and Mary in Bethany.

“that while Jesus was praying in a certain place,” – In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus has been referred to as “The Man Of Prayer”; 10X in Luke it records Jesus praying.

“Lord, teach us to pray” – this disciple observed that Jesus was a “Man of Prayer.”

“as John also taught his disciples.” – John was a “Man of Prayer.”

We can say that we are doing well without prayer but we are only fooling ourselves. We Must Pray.

2. Verses 2-4 – How We Must Pray:

Luke 11:2

“When you pray, Prayer is something that is expected of the child of God.

“The Lord’s Prayer”, which is really “The Pattern of Prayer” or “The Priorities of Prayer.” Matthew 6:9-13 – 6 Petitions; Luke Contains 5 Petitions.

Petitions 1-3 Deal With God's Glory:

1. Honoring His name – "Hallowed be Your name"
2. Advancing His Kingdom – "Your Kingdom Come"
3. Doing His will – "Your will be done" (Not in Luke)

Petitions 4-6 Deal With Man's Need:

4. Provision – "Give us our Daily bread"
5. Forgiveness – "Forgive our debts"
6. Guidance & Deliverance – "Lead us not ... deliver us "

There Are 3 Basics In Prayer:

- 1. Prayer Is Based On A Relationship:** "say: 'Father or our Father,'" – Father is used 275 X's in the N.T. This is a non-negotiable, necessity of prayer. "Father" – speaks of our relationship to God. (Foundational)

"Our" – We are not the only one in a relationship with God.

Galatians 4:6-7

- 2. Prayer Involves Responsibilities:** Before we talk to God about our needs, we must focus on God's glory.

1st Petition – Prayer Starts With Worship: "hallowed be Your name." – Honoring His Name. "Hallowed" – Old English word, "to set apart as holy, to treat as holy, to reverence and set apart as saintly and holy."

"be Your name." – The term "The Name" is a reference to God and His nature, character and attributes and all that He is.

How Do We Honor The Lord? By Trusting Him.

We Honor The Lord By Living For Him.

2nd Petition – Prayer Is About Advancing His Kingdom: "Your kingdom come." – Kingdom – "royalty, a realm, a domain, sphere of God's rule, His reign."

3rd Petition – Prayer Is About Doing His will: (Not in Luke)
Matthew 6:10 "Your will be done" Greek literally "Your will, whatever you wish to happen, let it happen" Seeking His will, Finding it then trusting and obeying!

- 3. Prayer Involves Requests:** That as we put God's glory first, it will affect the requests that we will make.

4th Petition – Prayer Is Seeking God’s Provision: Luke 11:3 – “Give us each day our daily bread.” – God wants us to be dependent upon Him.

“Bread” – is a broad term for “all of man’s physical needs”; Cloths, housing, transportation, medical needs.

5th Petition – Prayer For Forgiveness: Luke 11:4 – “And forgive us our sins,” – against God! That we will sin in both relationships.

It Is A Prayer For A Forgiving Spirit: “For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

God’s forgiveness gives to us the ability to forgive others.

6th Petition – Prayer For God’s Protection: Luke 11:4 – “And lead us not into temptation.” We need to seek the Lord’s daily direction.

“And do not lead us into temptation,” – The word “temptation” – has 2 meanings:

- 1. Temptation** – “to bring out the worst, solicitation to do evil, to lead or cause to sin”, which Satan is always behind.
- 2. Temptation** – “to bring out the worth, to test or place on trial of validity of one’s faith.”

Meaning: “Don’t allow us to come under the sway of temptation that will overpower us and cause us to sin.” “It’s the cry of the heart that despises and hates the potential of sin.”

3. Verses 5-10 – When We Must Pray:

Luke 11:5 – Jesus taught us How to pray, now When should we pray? Not just dire need but we need to come with dependence and humility.

Luke 11:6-7

“I cannot get up and give you anything.” – He would be more honest to have said, “I will not get up and give you anything!”

Luke 11:8

Notice the Contrast between the friend that would not help and God.

The Friend Said "I Cannot Get Up And Give You Anything" – Our heavenly Father can and is willing and always available.

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

He Was Borrowing – "Friend, lend me three loaves;" – We never have a tab with God.

"persistence" – "shamelessness"; a bold neighbor without shame. He did not care if all the neighbors woke up; he was going to keep asking!

Verses 9-10 – Promise In Prayer: "So I say to you, ask," – "requesting assistance for a conscious need." We see our lack and ask for help! "and it will be given to you;"

"seek," – "to get up and look around for help, speaks of effort," – "you shall find;"

"knock," – "asking, acting plus persevering, keep knocking on the door." – "and it will be opened to you."

Luke 11:10

"For everyone who asks, receives;" – In prayer, we are to make our requests to the Lord.

"and to him who knocks, it will be opened." – God will be available.

4. Verses 11-13 – What Happens When We Pray:

Luke 11:11

Verses 11-12 – We Should Never Fear God's Answer To Our Prayers: "Now suppose one of you fathers" – Earthly Versus The Heavenly!

Luke 11:12 – The answer is, "Of Course Not!"

Verse 13 – God Gives The Best To Those That Pray: Luke 11:13.

What Happens When We Pray: God hears, we don't fear! And God always gives the best!

Application:

1. Prayer Starts With A Relationship With God. Prayer Is An Essential Part Of Our Spiritual Life.
2. True Prayer Is Centered In God's Priorities, Honoring His Name, Advancing His Kingdom, And Doing His Will.
3. God Wants Us To Persistently Come To Him, Because God Hears And Will Give The Best To Those Who Seek Him.