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## *How Did Jesus Treat His Neighbor?*

### *Luke 11:1-8*

#### **Jesus Prays**

**Luke 11:1 (KJV) <sup>1</sup> “And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, ...”**

- What the disciples noticed about Jesus is He was a man of prayer
- Jesus’ *prayer life* got the disciples attention
- The disciples noticed:
  - Jesus was not an *occasional* prayer, but a *regular* prayer
  - Jesus’ intimacy with God when he prayed
  - Jesus’ desire to pray
  - Jesus’ practice of prayer

#### **Lord, Teach Us to Pray**

**Vs. 1 “...when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”**

- The disciples allowed Jesus to finish praying
- The disciples asked Jesus to, “*Teach us to pray as John taught his disciples*”
- It was a common practice for the instructor or teacher to instruct their disciples in the discipline of prayer
- Notice the disciples’ request was not teach us *how to* pray, but *to* pray
- The key to prayer, *is praying*
- The disciples were not asking for a “lesson” on prayer, “principles” of prayer, or for prayer “techniques”, but teach us to be people who *practice* prayer
- The more you pray, the more you understand prayer and the more you’ll benefit from prayer
- Notice, the disciples didn’t ask Jesus to teach them to *preach*, but to *pray*
- What truly matters is not “power with people”, but *power with God*

#### **The Elements of Prayer**

**<sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Give us day by day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup> 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.**

- Jesus immediately answers the disciples prayer request by giving the Lord’s Prayer
- The Lord’s Prayer is also called the Model Prayer because there are elements that we can incorporate in our prayer lives
- The Lord’s Prayer is not only a prayer for God’s provision in our own lives, it is also a method of praying for others, *our neighbors*
- And Jesus said, “When you pray”, it means “after this manner”, or “pray like this”
- **Adoration - *Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.***
  - The prayer opens with praise to God for being *our Father*
  - There is also praise to God’s name, “Hallowed be Thy name”
  - God’s name is holy, righteous, pure, loving, kind merciful and gracious
- **Submission - *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.***

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- We pray for God's kingdom to come and His will to be done in earth as it is in heaven
- Jesus wants us to pray with a desire that the will of God will be done on earth as it is in heaven
- How are things going in heaven? Perfectly!
- As citizens of Jesus' kingdom, our desire is to see God's will done on earth as it is in heaven
- When we pray for the will of God to be done in our lives, it may change how we pray or what we pray for
- **Petition - <sup>3</sup> Give us day by day our daily bread.**
  - Your daily bread are the necessities of life
  - It represents both our *physical and spiritual* needs
  - God's provision is *daily*, not all at once
  - The need for daily provision reflects our dependence on God and keeps the lines of communication open between us
  - The daily physical and spiritual provision we need from God is not just for us, it's for others as well, that's we pray, "Give us this day, our daily bread
  - As we pray, we ask God to meet the needs of others, they're *our neighbors*
- **Forgiveness - <sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us.**
  - Just as we need daily bread, we also need *daily forgiveness*
  - Bread satisfies the need for the body, forgiveness satisfies the needs of the soul
  - We must pray for God to forgive *our* sins
  - We pray as intercessors for others
  - But there is *a condition* for receiving forgiveness, we *must* forgive those who sin against us
  - If we expect to experience His forgiveness, we must forgive those who sin against us  
**Mark 11:25 (KJV)25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.**
- **Deliverance - And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.**
  - Our prayer is for God to deliver us *from* temptation and *from* the evil one
  - God does not tempt us to do evil **James 1:13 (NLT2) 13 And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else.**
  - God promised to keep us from any testing that greater than we can bear **1 Corinthians 10:13 (KJV) 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.**
  - Although God does not tempt us to do evil, He does allow us to *go through* seasons of testing
  - Jesus wants us to be people who practice prayer because it reminds us to see the needs of others and not just our own

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<sup>5</sup> *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; <sup>6</sup> For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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.*

- Jesus tells a parable to show us how He treats His neighbor
- Jesus says, suppose a friend arrives at your house *at midnight* and you want to feed them, but you have nothing to offer them
- In those days, it was a common courtesy to offer a meal to people who visited your home
- When a person had guests, it was expected to offer the guests a meal
- Most people only had food for the day and when they ate that meal, there was little to no food left until they went to the market again
- It wasn't uncommon for people to travel late into the night because it was cooler
- It was also common for travelers to stay with friends because it was less expensive than an inn and safer than camping out in open fields
- The *midnight caller* with the unexpected guest has nothing to feed his guest, he goes to his friend's/neighbor's house wanting to borrow three loaves of bread
- The friend replies without opening the door, "Don't bother me. The door is locked and my family is all in bed. I can't help you."
- There was a raised loft-like section where the *entire* family slept
- If this friend/neighbor has any food, it was stored under the bed
- What the friend/neighbor was saying if he gets up to get food for you for your guest, the whole house must get up
- You can tell by the response of the friend/neighbor that he was somewhat annoyed by this request at midnight
- But *the midnight caller* kept knocking and calling out to his friend/neighbor for help
- The friend/neighbor that would not get up for the sake of their friendship, but he got up and gave whatever his *midnight caller* needed because of his *importunity*, or *shameless persistence*
- To be a friend/neighbor that mirrors our heavenly Father, we must have a willingness to help even at inconvenient times
- To be ready to lend a helping hand requires we be alert to opportunities to help, even if it means to we go out of our way
- This parable is often called "A Friend at Midnight"
- Anytime we call on Jesus, he is always ready, willing and able to answer our prayer and meet our needs and He's not irritated if you call Him over and over ***Luke 11:9-10 (KJV) 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.***