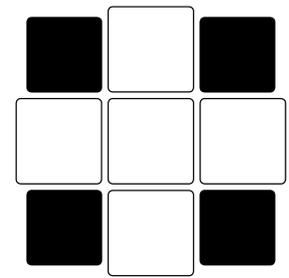


Jesus' Teaching on Prayer

Scripture: **Luke 11:1–13**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

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Overview

Luke tells of a time when Jesus prayed to the Father and then His disciples asked to be taught how to pray. Jesus responds by sharing a form of the Lord's prayer, which includes praise and requests for pardon, provision and protection. The passage finishes with a parable of a man who, though not perfect like God, still gives good things to those who persistently ask. We should persist in expectant prayer because the Father always gives us what is good.

Corroborating Texts

Luke 3:21, 5:16, 6:12, 9:18, 9:28; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Acts 2

Discussion Questions

1. Travell showed that the Trinity is fully represented in this passage; that prayer should always be addressed *to the Father, through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit*. Why is this important? [All things flow from the Father, but we have no right to approach Him without the atoning work of Jesus in our place. We can't and don't know how to pray appropriately without the power of the Spirit. Also, If we desire to have a relationship with God we should know and honor the distinct roles of the three persons of the Trinity]
2. Reflect on your recent personal or corporate prayers. Do they mirror the structure, content and focus of the Lord's prayer? Discuss.
3. How does the pattern of praise/pardon/provision/protection reinforce a healthy view of God, self and our dependency on Him?
4. What in the passage should disabuse us of the notion that God will give us anything we ask? [All of the examples given are of true needs being satisfied. Also, the ultimate gift in the concluding passage is that of the Holy Spirit given to those who ask.]
5. How often are you distracted from your deepest needs by mere wants or desire for comfort?
6. Discuss why Satan is so interested in keeping us focused on lesser needs vs. our ultimate ones and in being less than persistent in our petitions to the Father to satisfy them?