

The Gospel of Luke

a verse-by-verse study

Session 19

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“The Disciples Prayer”

- We have a similar teaching on prayer given by Jesus in Matthew 6:9-13
- However, that was given in the Galilee, as an unsolicited teaching by Jesus for His disciples
- Now Jesus is in the area of Judea
- One of His disciples (probably from among the 70) now asks for teaching on prayer, having just witnessed Jesus Himself praying

¹ 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.

Luke 11:1

- Certain place? Mt of Olives? (Luke 21:37)
- *'As John also taught...'*
 - Note the direct link between a relationship with the Holy Spirit and prayer.
 - Consider Jesus – full of the Holy Spirit
 - John the Baptist – full of the Holy Spirit
 - Elijah – full of the Holy Spirit

Prayer:

“Prayer is not begging God to do something that he is loath to do.

It is not overcoming reluctance in God.

It is enforcing Christ's victory over Satan. It is implementing upon earth heaven's decisions concerning the affairs of men”.

- Paul Billheimer

Prayer:

- Three distinct 'types' of prayer given in this chapter:
 - Ask: Prayers of Petition
 - Seek: Prayers of Devotion
 - Knock: Prayers of Intercession
- There is implied (and stated by Jesus) that persistence in prayer is important.

Ask:

- “And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive”. (Matt 21:22)
- “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you”. (John 15:7)
- “Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts”. (James 4:3)

Ask:

¹⁸ If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

Psalm 66:18

Ask:

⁷ Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with [your wives] according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

1 Peter 3:7

Ask:

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6

Ask:

8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

1 Timothy 2:8

- Unbelief is toxic to prayer!
- We are not to believe in the answers...
- ...but in the One *who gives the answers!*
- Our hope (faith) is not to be in our words, but in the One whom our words are directed toward
- It is not because we asked... but because of Who we asked!

Ask:

¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are upon **the righteous**, and his ears are open unto their cry.

¹⁶ The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

¹⁷ **The righteous** cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

Psalm 34:15-17

- It is those who are 'right with God' (on the basis of the atonement) that will be heard.
 - Remember Jesus' cry "My God, My God..."

Ask:

23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father **in my name**, he will give it you.

24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

John 16:23-24

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Luke 11:2-4

'Our Father'

- The Jews 'understood' prayer, but had never called God Father
 - Jesus always called God 'Father'
 - Except on the Cross 'My God, My God...'
- Jesus introduces us to this new relationship that we can have with God because of the atonement.
- By beginning prayer this way there is the acknowledgment that God is a good Father
- Everything He does is good, and that sets the tone of everything else we pray

'Our Father'

- There is also the acknowledgment that we are part of a family ('Our Father').
- We are not alone, we are brothers and sisters united in Christ.
- We have been adopted into God's family and are now His beloved children.
- We are not going through trials isolated from every other believer,
 - *'there is no temptation that has overtaken you that is not common to man'* 1 Cor 10:13

'Our Father'

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Romans 8:15

'Our Father'

- 4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,
- 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Galatians 4:4-5

'Our Father'

- 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of sons by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
- 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. **Ephesians 1:5-6**

- Gr. **υιοθεσία** **huiōthēsia**, hwee-oth-es-ee'-ah;
 - The placing as a son, i.e. adoption (figuratively, Christian sonship in respect to God):—adoption (of children, of sons).
- NIV: *“He predestined us for adoption to sonship”*

'Our Father'

4 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called

the sons of God

1 John 3:1

- The firstborn son would receive a double portion of the inheritance
 - Ref Ephraim & Manasseh - Gen 48:14
 - Also Jacob & Esau – Gen 27
 - Note the exception in Numbers 27 if there were no male heirs
- We are given the place of the firstborn son!
 - Regardless of whether we are male or female! (Gal 3:25)

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'Which art in Heaven'

- Why are we to remind ourselves when we pray that God is in Heaven?
- Because it takes our focus off time and this Earth and onto God who is outside of time
- We need to see things (and pray) from God's vantage point!
- So many of our troubles evaporate when we understand that God sees the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46-9-10)
- We will never think of something that God has forgotten!

'Which art in Heaven'

- To think of Heaven is to be reminded that this earth is temporary.
- This is just a 'shadow land' (C.S. Lewis)

¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God

Romans 8:18-19

'Which art in Heaven'

- It is also a reminder that our treasure is laid up in Heaven... (awaiting us!)
 - Matt 6:19-22
- ...not in the things of this world (which is passing)
 - 1 John 2:15-17
- We are no longer citizens of Earth, but Heaven
 - Philippians 3:20
- If you went away on business, and stayed in a hotel that was in need of repair, you would not spend your time there trying to fix it up!
 - You would focus on completing your assignment and look forward even more to returning home!

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'Hallowed be Thy Name'

- Is this a prayer that God's name would be honored and respected by the world around us?
- Unlikely!
- It is a prayer that God's great Name would be hallowed and honored in our own lives
- It is a prayer of submission!
- It is an acknowledgment that He is God, and we are not!
 - *"We can only see a part of the picture He is painting!"* – Steven Curtis Chapman

'Hallowed be Thy Name'

¹⁵ I have remembered thy name, O Lord, in the night,
and have kept thy law.

Psalm 119:55

- Our name is associated with our reputation
- I have remembered who You are!
- I have reminded myself who You are!
 - I have remembered that You are the God of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Samuel, David, Jeremiah, Daniel, Nehemiah, Paul, Peter, John...
 - Whitfield, Wesley, Spurgeon, Tozer, Husdon Taylor, Finney, Oswald Chambers, Billy Graham, Chuck Smith...

Our prayer so far...

- We have been reminded as we pray, of:
 - 1) Our relationship with our loving Father
 - 2) Our real home and place of comfort, not this temporary dilapidated accommodation
 - 3) How great our God really is by thinking about His faithfulness and reputation – that He never changes!
- Most of what we intended to bring before Him has by now evaporated!
- But before we get onto our requests / needs, God would have us reminded of something of immense importance!

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'Thy Kingdom Come'

84 How many are the days of thy servant?
when wilt thou execute judgment on them that
persecute me?

85 The proud have digged pits for me,
which are not after thy law.

86 All thy commandments are faithful:
they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

87 They had almost consumed me upon earth;
but I forsook not thy precepts.

Psalm 119:84-87

'Thy Kingdom Come'

¹² Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.

¹³ Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

¹⁴ For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

¹⁵ If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children.

¹⁶ When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me;

'Thy Kingdom Come'

17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God;
then understood I their end.

18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places:
thou castedst them down into destruction.

19 How are they brought into desolation, as in a
moment!

they are utterly consumed with terrors.

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'Thy Kingdom Come'

- God is going to right every wrong! (Ps 119:137)
- Every injustice will be brought to light and exposed (1 Cor 4:5)
- God's wrath will fall on the 'workers of iniquity'
- The wicked who have laid snares (Ps 119:110)
- dug pits to trip us up (Ps 119:85)
- and waited for us to destroy us (Ps 199:95)
- will themselves be cast down (Ps 119:119).
- Those who have been overlooked by man will be exalted by God (Luke 16)
- We will then know and understand (1 Cor 13:12)

'Thy Kingdom Come'

- The kingdom we are to 'hasten' (2 Pet 3:12) by our prayers is the Millennial kingdom of Jesus Christ upon this Earth (Rev 20:1-6)
- Jesus will sit on the Throne of David (Luke 1:32) and rule the whole world from Jerusalem
- Our prayer is literally: "to put an end to the works of the Devil that oppress and destroy so many lives here and now!"
- Our prayer is for all of the pain and suffering to be over!
- It is such an intense prayer that "The Spirit and the Bride say come!" (Rev 22:17)

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But for now...

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'Thy Will be Done...'

- Submission and Sanctification!
- God's will is done in Heaven by the myriad of angelic beings around the throne...
- Praying for God's will to be done on Earth is praying that we will submit to His rulership in our lives and circumstances.
- Though we may not understand 'the mind of the Lord' we are to 'walk by faith, not by sight' (2 Cor 5:7)
- We are to 'trust in the Lord and lean not on our own understanding' (Prov 3:5-6)

'Thy Will be Done...'

- It is in this present age that the Church is being trained for eternity
- The events of our lives are not random or haphazard, they are ordained of God
- He leads us by still waters, and through the valley of the shadow of death...
- But either way we are being taught to 'fear no evil'
- "Thy will be done" is our submission to His work in us, that of sanctification.
- What is God's will?

'Thy Will be Done'

3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification

1 Thess 4:3

'Thy Will be Done'

It is arduous work to keep the master ambition in front. It means holding one's self to the high ideal year in and year out, not being ambitious to win souls or to establish churches or to have revivals, but being ambitious only to be "accepted of Him."

It is not lack of spiritual experience that leads to failure, but lack of labouring to keep the ideal right. Once a week at least take stock before God, and see whether you are keeping your life up to the standard He wishes. Paul is like a musician who does not heed the approval of the audience if he can catch the look of approval from his Master.

'Thy Will be Done'

Any ambition which is in the tiniest degree away from this central one of being "approved unto God" may end in our being castaways. Learn to discern where the ambition leads, and you will see why it is so necessary to live facing the Lord Jesus Christ.

I have to learn to relate everything to the master ambition, and to maintain it without any cessation. My worth to God in public is what I am in private.

Is my master ambition to please Him and be acceptable to Him, or is it something less, no matter how noble?

'Thy Will be Done'

⁵ My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.

Job 42:5

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