

The Gospel of Luke

a verse-by-verse study

Session 20

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Prayer:

- *“The secret of answered prayer is faith without doubt. And the secret of faith without doubt is praise, triumphant praise, continuous praise, praise that is a way of life. This is the solution to the problem of a living faith and a successful prayer”*

- Paul Billheimer

- *“Prayer is not primarily God’s way of getting things done. It is God's way of giving the Church on the job training”*

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

“The Disciples Prayer”

- At the request of the disciples (probably the 70 rather than the 12) Jesus teaches us how we should pray.
- Contrary to how we often approach prayer...
 - which is typically a reaction to a crisis or problem!
- Jesus teaches us to focus on God *first* before we consider our own state
 - “Seek first the kingdom of God... THEN all these things (i.e. everything else!) will be added. (Matt 6:33)
- Our perception changes when our perspective changes!

Prayer:

- Three distinct 'types' of prayer given in this chapter:
 - Ask: Prayers of Petition
 - Seek: Prayers of Devotion
 - Knock: Prayers of Intercession
- Persistence in prayer is important.
- Prayer is God's training ground for the Church

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Luke 11:2-4

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- We are half-way through this model prayer but have not yet prayed one word in regard to:
 - Our own needs,
 - Our present problems and difficulties
 - The Spiritual battle we are engaged in
 - The things of this life which consume so much of our time and attention!

“The Disciples Prayer”

- What Jesus has taught so far is that we should ‘set our minds on the things above’
 - 1) Our Father,
 - 2) Our home and future in Heaven,
 - 3) God’s reputation (Name) and faithfulness,
 - 4) the fact that He has promised to right every wrong and judge all injustice when His kingdom comes upon this Earth,
 - 5) that while we are awaiting that, everything He allows in our lives is for the purpose of setting us apart for Himself, that He might truly be our God and we as His adopted and much-loved sons...

“The Disciples Prayer”

- Once we consider these things, so much of what we would ordinarily pray for now evaporates!
- *“Suppose God is the God you know Him to be when you are nearest to Him — what an impertinence worry is!”* - Oswald Chambers

In His Hands!

- God is not unjust to forget your work and labour of love... (Heb 6:10)
- God already knows the things you have need of before you ask! (Matt 6:8)
- He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think! (Eph 3:20)
- He is able to supply all your need! (Phil 4:19)
- God hears the cry's of the righteous! (Ps 34:4,15)
- He has undertaken to provide for us! (Matt 6:30)
- He tells us not to be anxious (Phil 4:6)

Consider...

³⁹ Know therefore this day, and **consider** it in thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.

Deut 4:39

Consider...

² And **thou shalt remember** all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no

Deuteronomy 8:2-5

Consider...

³ And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.

Deuteronomy 8:2-5

Consider...

- 4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.
- 5 Thou shalt also **consider** in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the Lord thy God chasteneth thee.

Deuteronomy 8:2-5

Consider...

⁷ Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.

⁸ When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

⁹ For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

Deuteronomy 32:7-13

Consider...

¹⁰ He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

¹¹ As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:

¹² So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

Deuteronomy 32:7-13

Consider...

¹³ He made him ride on the high places of the earth,
that he might eat the increase of the fields;
and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil
out of the flinty rock;

Deuteronomy 32:7-13

Consider...

24 Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for **consider** how great things he hath done for you.

1 Samuel 12:24

Consider...

- ³ When I **consider** thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
- ⁴ What is man, that thou art mindful of him?
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Psalm 8:3-4

Consider...

⁵ Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; **Consider**
your ways.

Haggai 1:5

Consider...

⁷ Some trust in chariots, and some in horses:
but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.

Psalm 20:7

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'Give us this day...'

- Having obtained the right perspective, we now are encouraged to petition God for our needs
- Bread speaks of both our physical and spiritual needs
- Note the source of this bread:
- We are to ask that God give us...
- This bread is a gift from God!
- It cannot be gotten from man

Our Daily Bread

- 30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?
- 31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.
- 32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

John 6:30-35

Our Daily Bread

- 33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.
- 34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.
- 35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

John 6:30-35

⁹ And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings.

¹⁰ And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

¹¹ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

¹² I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God.

¹³ And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host.

¹⁴ And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground.

¹⁵ And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.

Exodus 16:13-15

16 This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons; take ye every man for them which are in his tents.

17 And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less.

18 And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating.

Exodus 16:16-18

- 4500 Tons of Manna per day!

19 And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning.

20 Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them.

21 And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.

Exodus 16:16-18

Manna

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Our Daily Bread

- Manna speaks of the Word of God
- Manna was to be gotten daily
- Yesterday's Manna was not sufficient for Today
- Gathered according to "each one's need"
- Gathered in the morning

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Forgive us our sins

- When we pray this prayer, we look to something already accomplished...
- Christ is the propitiation for our sins and the sins of the whole world! (1 John 2:2)
 - Yet we need to continually avail ourselves of God's forgiveness
- Gr: aphiemi – Looking forward, yet past tense!

Our Forgiveness

- *“When ye pray, pray....”*
- *“Forgive us our debts”*
- ‘Debts’ Gr: **opheilema**
- used twice: *“Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of **debt**”* - Romans 4:4
- Something that is due
- We are to ask God to forgive that which is due
 - Let us off the punishment we deserve
 - Matt 18

Our Forgiveness

- The great exchange!

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

2 Corinthians 5:21

Our Forgiveness

- When we pray this, a transaction takes place:
- Our debt is placed on Christ's account
- His righteousness is imputed to ours
- cf the Passover Lamb
 - Innocent substitute
 - Without blemish

Our Forgiveness

- 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

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As we forgive...

- If you live by grace you will be saved by grace.
- If you live by the law, you will be judged by the law
 - See Matt 18:23-35

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Lead us not into temptation

- We need to pray this daily!
- Never think you have conquered the flesh life.
- *“Make no provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof”* (Rom 13:14)
- Don't give a foothold to the Devil (Eph 4:27)
- The deliverance was accomplished at the cross, but has to be claimed continually
- Only through the indwelling Holy Spirit can we have victory over the flesh life
- *“Walk in the Spirit and you will not gratify the lusts of the flesh”* (Gal 5:16)

Lead us not into temptation

- ...but the prayer is: *'don't let me go into situations or circumstances whereby I might be tempted'*
- 'Don't let me become discouraged'
- *"but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God"* (1 Samuel 30:6)

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Deliver us from evil

- This prayer is asking God to bend our wills in line with His (not get us out of holes we dig!)
- We are to set our minds on the things above!
- We are to constantly be in fellowship with:
- 1) The Holy Spirit
- 2) Other believers
- We are to hide the Word of God in our hearts
- We are to meditate on:
 - His Statues,
 - His Testimonies,
 - His Precepts,
 - His Commandments,
 - His Judgments

The Disciples Prayer

Of the things Jesus gives priority to:

- 50% of our prayer is centered on God
 - Trust in the LORD
- 37.5% is concerning our walk
 - Delight yourself in the LORD
- 12.5% is concerning our need
 - Commit your way to the LORD
- God's promise:
 - He will bring forth your righteousness!

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

Luke 11:5-8

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.

Luke 11:9-10

Ask, Seek, Knock

- *“That [God] will do nothing in the realm of human redemption, since its inception, outside this scheme of prayer and intercession, is indicated by God’s many pressing invitations to prayer in His Word. He not only invites us, He entreats and importunes and He urges. He even begs us to exercise this privilege*
 - *Ask, I ask you to ask;*
 - *Seek, I entreat you to seek;*
 - *Knock, I urge you to knock.*
- *Evidently, He will do nothing without our prayers”*

– Paul Billheimer

Ask, Seek, Knock

- *“The fundamental importance of this scheme of prayer in God's economy is further emphasised by God’s binding Himself unequivocally to answer.*
 - *God’s promises to answer prayer cover such a broad spectrum as to constitute a veritable carte blanche, bearing the authority of His own signature. It is as though God handed us His sceptre and begged us to use it within the constraints of His will”*
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Seek:

- Seek, that our relationship with Him might be strengthened
- He already knows the things we are to ask before we ask... but want's us to seek Him anyway that our faith in Him might grow
- Seeking separates the impulsiveness from the longing
 - i.e. our flippant 'knee jerk' requests from that which is genuine

Knock:

- Persistence in prayer is necessary because we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against a malevolent enemy who seeks to discourage and hinder the Church from actively engaging in her divinely appointed role...
- ...that of prayer; specifically, intercessory prayer

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Luke 11:11-13

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To be continued...

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