

## **Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ** **Teach Us to Pray**

Last time...a lesson in ministry involving two sisters, Martha and Mary

This time...a lesson in prayer

We will be in Luke 11

v1 as He was praying...teach us to pray, as John taught:

After the

- training and sending of the 70 disciples into the Judean countryside and Perea
- teaching of “Who is my neighbor”
- being received into Martha’s and Mary’s home and the teaching on the needful, good part

Jesus is praying...communing with His Father

Once Jesus finished praying, one of His disciples asked Him to teach them to pray

A. One of the 70 disciples of Ch 10, not one of the 12;

He already “taught them to pray” about 2 years earlier on SoM

B. to pray as John taught his disciples to pray

None of John the Baptist’s prayers are recorded in the Gospels  
How John prayed was noteworthy

Luke 1:17 he shall go before him in the spirit and power of  
Elijah

James 5:16b-17a The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man  
availeth much. Elijah was a man subject to like  
passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly...

v2-4 When ye pray, say:

This model prayer (which is not to be Matt 6:7) sounds familiar

Jesus gives the 70 in the Judean countryside the same instruction in prayer  
that He gave to the 12+ in the Galilee

Our Father, which art in heaven:

God Personally is Father to the individual praying

Ps 103:13 Like as a father pitieth *his* children, *so* the LORD  
pitieth them that fear him.

Not every child on earth has a good father...

- quality time
- quantity of time
- gentle loving kindness
- taught Truth...Jesus Christ

But every child on earth DOES have a Wonderful Father

Hallowed by Thy name:

holy is His name

Is 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth  
eternity, whose name *is* Holy;

Not a name to be taken in vain, not to be a swear word by anyone

Thy kingdom come:

The kingdom of God on earth WILL come, but is not yet

The kingdoms of the world still belong to the devil

The Kingdom of God on earth WILL be established once Jesus Christ  
returns to earth as Judge and Conquering King (DoL) and  
rules with perfect peace for 1000 years

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were  
great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of  
this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord,  
and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and  
ever

Is 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and  
his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,  
The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince  
of Peace. Of the increase of *his* government and  
peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of  
David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to  
establish it with judgment and with justice from  
henceforth even for ever

Ps 2:10-12 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth:  
Not my will done here, not my will done in heaven and earth  
God's will done here as it is in heaven

Eccl 12:13-14 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:  
Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.

Matt 22:36-40 with Rom 13:10

Give us day by day our daily bread:  
Implied – START every day with fellowship with the Father  
This request for daily bread makes sense in the morning,  
makes no sense at night  
The Father is to be our 1<sup>st</sup> Stop, not our Last Stop  
And...we are not given tomorrow, only today

And forgive us our sins:  
Forgive us for the things we have done contrary to Your nature and Word  
Daily  
Our greatest need

1 Kings 8:46 *there is* no man that sinneth not  
Rom 3:10, 23

Ezk 18:4, 23, 31-32

Ezk 33:11

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance

Acts 26:18 *To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*

- 1 Tim 2:4      Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.
- Heb 2:3a      How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation
- 1 John 1:9     If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness

The Lord wants to forgive us!  
 We are to want to be forgiven...it's called "repentance"!

For we also forgive every one that is indebted to us:

Matt 6:14-15    For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses

Daily

EVERY one, without exception (whether they ask for forgiveness or not)

Forgiveness starts with...God forgiving us

Then forgiveness flows...from us to others as we give as freely as we have received (Matt 10:8b)

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:

Daily

What does it mean "lead us not into temptation"?  
 ("putting to proof, try, adversity")

2 meanings

1. immediate – our being conformed into the image of Jesus
2. prophetic – our being with Jesus

1. Immediate – our being conformed into the image of Jesus

James 1:2-5

Being tested/tried/ proven – How will I react to this?  
 (financial stress/poverty, bad health or relationship, persecution)

In the flesh (emotions, lusts) or in the Spirit?

Like Hulk?

Anger

Frustration

Like Henny Penny?

Panic

Fear

With a quiet peace that surpasses human understanding?

By faith or by Self-reliance?

Not knowing “How or Why or When” but knowing Who

By denial of Self or indulgence of Self?

Being tested/proven is our

- faith/trust in the Father to
  - provide
  - guide
  - forgive
- love of the Lord our God and our neighbor

1 Cor 10:13 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*.

1 John 4:4-5 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

The standard is not “good” (compared to others) but “perfect” (compared to Jesus Christ and the Father, Matt 5:48)

Phil 4:13 when Matt 16:24

If we are found wanting, we will get another opportunity to learn via another “trip around the mountain” that we might not be conformed to the world but transformed by the renewing of our mind

2. Prophetic – being with Jesus

Rev 3:10

1 Thes 1:9b10 ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come (DoL)

1 Thes 5:9 God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ

Luke 21:36 *Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*

The model prayer, taught to both the 12 and the 70, speaks of the Lord snatching His Bride off the earth before the time of judgment (DoL)

Let's step back and consider how intensely relational this model prayer is

<u>Prayer</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Our Father	Father and child
Hallowed by Thy name	God and worshipper
Thy kingdom come	King and citizen
Thy will be done	Master and servant
Give us day by day our daily bread	Provider and dependent
Forgive us our debts	Creditor and debtor
Lead us not into temptation	Guide and follower
Deliver us from evil	Redeemer and redeemed
	He: everything
	we: humble and thankful

Is 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

v5-8 Friend, lend me three loaves:

When Jesus taught this model prayer in the Galilee on the SoM,  
He emphasized forgiveness

Now, 2 years later in the Judean countryside,  
He emphasizes perseverance

Forgiveness and Perseverance are qualities of prayer, therefore  
the quality of our prayers is more important  
than the quantity of our prayers

Heart-felt and pressing, rather than empty repetitions

The perseverance in prayer is taught in these verses  
(cultural context: hospitality)

- a friend of mine in his journey is come to me: we are the person receiving a friend unexpectedly
- a friend: someone who is dear to us, a neighbor
  
- at midnight: an inconvenient time
  
- a friend comes to us unexpectedly
- he/she is travelling, it is late, he/she is hungry
- we have nothing to give him/her to eat...we are out of our daily bread
  
- so we go to another friend, nearby, at a very inconvenient time, to “borrow a cup of sugar” so we can give food to the other friend
- we ring the doorbell, bang on the door, call/text him/her for help in our time of need
  
- because the time is very inconvenient, the nearby friend initially “pushes back”, not wanting to be troubled right now and disturbing his sleeping children
- but we, in our time of pressing need, do not give up
  
- the nearby friend will be troubled, will be disturbed, will help his friend (us) because
  1. he/she is a good friend/neighbor to us
  2. our perseverance
- and he/she will give...as much as we need!

In our time of need

(much more frequent than any of us are aware or willing to acknowledge),  
we have a Friend Who

- always expects us...we never show up unexpected
- is never inconvenienced...all times are good times to come knocking  
(Heb 4:16)
- is never troubled or disturbed when we come knocking
- gives us as much as we need, in His perfect time and perfect way  
(Eph 3:20)
- wants us to come
  - frequently...always
  - fervently
  - believing we will receive
  - with “Thy will be done”
  - with persistence/perseverance

James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

v9-10 Ask...seek...knock:

v9-13 is taught now as it was taught on SoM

Pray until something happens...pray until the Lord acts

- ask boldly, confidently...Thy will be done
- keep asking
- keep seeking
- keep knocking

For us followers/disciples of Jesus, our walk with Him sometimes gets  
dry and quiet

Because of a dearth/scarcity of...our prayer

- Not asking
- Not seeking
- Not knocking
- Asking, seeking. Knocking for our will be done and  
not “Thy will be done”

James 4:2-3 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts

v11-13 If ye then, being evil:

A strong encouragement from Our Father which is in heaven to

- Ask...“He knows what I need”
- Seek...“He knows where I am”
- Knock...“He knows I am here”
- Persistently...”He always hears me.”
- that His perfect will be done

We are finite and flawed with a sin nature, but we delight in giving good things to our children because we love them more than we can express

How much more will He, Who is Infinite, Perfect and the Giver of every good and perfect gift, give us the very best gift?

His Spirit, our Teacher, Helper, Guide, and Comforter

Gal 5:22-23a the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance

His eternal life

John 1:10-13

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Relationship

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Redeemer and redeemed

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we: humble and thankful...  
forgiving and persevering