

(10) Another Lesson on Prayer (Luke 11:1-13)

1. This episode seems to duplicate earlier teachings in the Sermon on the Mount (SotM) [GM17].
 - a. Lk. 11:2-4 || Matt. 6:9-13 in the disciples' prayer outline.
 - b. Lk. 11:9-13 || Matt. 7:7-11 in the Father's faithful provision.
 - c. Luke's account does not contradict Matthew's SotM record. The Lord repeated numerous discourses to various groups of disciples at different stages of His ministry.
2. A certain disciple wanted instructions on prayer (Lk. 11:1).
 - a. This certain disciple was familiar with the Baptizer's ministry but not a part of it.
 - b. This certain disciple was not present for the SotM.
3. The prayer given here is shorter than Matthew's recorded SotM prayer, but conveys the same general pattern.
 - a. Adoration before the Heavenly Father. d. Acceptance of His daily provision.
 - b. Anticipation of His coming kingdom. e. Awareness of His forgiveness.
 - c. Assent to His will. f. Abstinence from evil.
4. Jesus expanded His prayer discourse with a parable (Lk. 11:5-8).
 - a. Prayer is not based on rapport friendship.
 - b. Successful requisition is obtained through shamelessness (Darby, CEV, GNT), importunity (KJV, ASV, RSV, YLT), impudence (ESV), boldness (NIV), persistence (NRSV, NKJV, NASB, HCSB, ISV, TLB), sheer persistence (Net), shameless persistence (NLT). ἀναίδεα ^{#335} anaideia ^{Hap.}
 - c. Shameless impudence rightly describes our prayer to God the Father.
 - 1) One-way friendship (v.5 cf. v.8) with more important friends (v.6).
 - 2) Immediate satisfaction demanded (v.5).
 - 3) Specific quantities expected (v.5).
 - 4) Arrogant and empty promises of repayment (v.5).
 - 5) Failure to prepare (v.6).
 - 6) Failed attempt to provide (v.6).
 - 7) Disregard for convenience or pleasure (v.7).
 - 8) Disregard for family (v.7).
 - 9) Disregard for ability (v.7).
 - 10) Despite a friendship deficiency, shameless impudence motivates total provision for every need (v.8).
5. Matthew's loaf/stone, fish/snake illustrations become Luke's fish/snake, egg/scorpion illustrations (Lk. 11:9-13).
 - a. The parable of prayer teaches a Trinitarian principle: ask, seek, knock.
 - b. Ask. αἰτέῖτε pres.act.imper. αἰτέω aiteō ^{#154} _{70x}. Material obtainment.
 - c. Seek. ζητεῖτε pres.act.imper. ζητέω ^{#2212} _{117x}. Wisdom obtainment.
 - d. Knock. κρούετε pres.act.imper. κρούω krouō ^{#2925} _{9x}. Service obtainment.
 - e. C.H. Spurgeon: Faith asks, hope seeks, and love knocks.
6. Baby prayers are formulaic, adolescent prayers are impudent, mature prayers are fervent & effectual.

**I got up early one morning
And rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish
That I didn't have time to pray.**

**I wanted to see joy and beauty,
But the day toiled on gray and bleak;
I wondered why God didn't show me.
He said, "But you didn't seek."**

**I woke up early this morning,
And paused before entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish
That I had to take time to pray.**

**Problems just tumbled about me,
And heavier came each task;
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.
He answered, "You didn't ask."**

**I tried to come into God's presence;
I used all my keys in the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My child, you didn't knock."**

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