


Setting Our Faces Toward Jerusalem

Asking, Seeking, Knocking
Luke 11:1-13




Journey Through Lent

- » Jesus resolutely goes toward Jerusalem (the cross)
- » We journey with him on the path of spiritual discipleship



Jesus Prays

- » On the way Jesus prays & teaches his disciples about prayer
- » It is this lesson on prayer that is our focus today



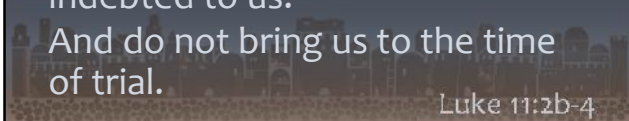
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The Lord's Prayer
Luke 11:1-4




Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone
indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time
of trial.

Luke 11:2b-4



Adoration

"Father, hallowed be your name."



Father/Abba

- » We go to God as our Abba – our loving Father
- » And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’ (Galatians 4:6)

Your Name

- » All of who the Father is
- » All of his attributes
- » Not simply an appellation – stands for God’s character

Be Hallowed

- » Literally ‘be sanctified’
- » “Your name be made holy upon all the earth”
- » It is an expression of praise

Adoration

- » The opening statement is all about God – not about us
- » We lift our eyes and give praise to God
- » “Holy, holy, holy...” (Isaiah 6)

Adherence

“Your kingdom come.”

It’s About...

- » God’s Kingdom, God’s will - not about our kingdom & will

It's About...

- » Staying close to God/Jesus
– adhering to him
- » Staying connected to God
– abiding in Jesus

Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

John 15:4

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

John 15:9

Cooperation

“Give us each day our daily bread.”

For Our Needs

- » We pray (first person plural)
– for our bread together
- » To do so we must cooperate
with others
- » A prayer for our daily bread
– not a year's worth

For Forgiveness

- » Seeking God's forgiveness even
as we forgive others

For Strength in Trial

- » Even as we face trials today
- » God will help us stand and be
overcomers
- » Not to be controlled by fear
- » Trust in God's strength daily

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A Lesson on Prayer ~ Three Stories ~

Luke 11: 5-13



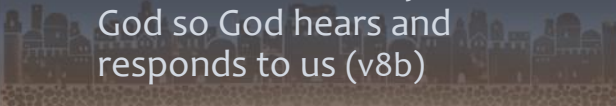
First Story (v5-8)

- » A friend awakening his neighbour seeking bread
- » A story about hospitality




Shamelessness

- » This story is not simply about persistence – more about shamelessness (v8)
- » Honest vulnerability before God so God hears and responds to us (v8b)



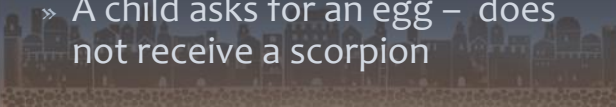
Jesus' Imperatives

- » Commands to ask, seek & knock
- » A continual leaning on God
- » Go to God consistently




Stories Two & Three

- » Examples from lesser to greater
- » A child asks for a fish – does not receive a snake
- » A child asks for an egg – does not receive a scorpion



What God Gives

- » How much more will God give to his children
- » It's not about greed
- » It is about growing in God through the Holy Spirit (v13)



There is no such thing as unanswered prayer. The answer given may not be the answer we desired or expected; but even when it is a refusal it is the answer of the love and the wisdom of God.

William Barclay