

# COMMUNICATION WITH THE CREATOR

Luke 11:1-4

*“The Principles of Prayer”*



Luke 11:1 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.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, **Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.** Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.



Our theme this year is...

*GLORIFY THE CREATOR*

Last week, we began a new series...

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In what is commonly called “the Lord’s Prayer,” (which correctly should be called “The Model Prayer,”) Jesus gives us several principles of prayer. We began with...

## I. THE EXAMPLE OF THE SAVIOR

Lu. 11:1b “...as he was praying...”

A. Jesus Prayed Publicly

B. Jesus Prayed Privately

## II. THE EXPECTATION OF THE SAVIOR

Lu. 11:2b “...When ye pray...”

A. The Savior Expects us to Pray

- The first church, closest to the teachings of the Savior, practiced prayer.

B. The Savior Encouraged us to Pray



We continue our new series by focusing upon the Principles of Prayer that Jesus taught His disciples...

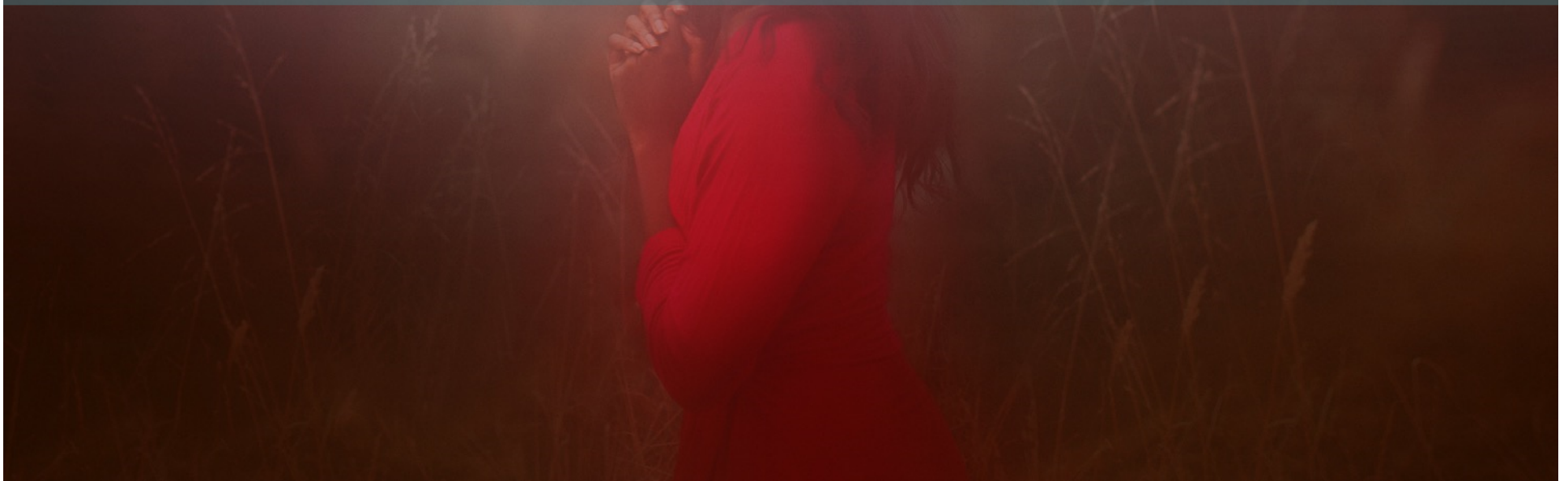
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III. THE ENLIGHTENMENT OF THE SAVIOR

A. The Principle of Relationship – “...Our Father...”

- Jesus emphasized the value of a special relationship with the Creator, calling Him Father, which is primarily utilized in the New Testament – only about 15 times in the Old Testament.

- The term “Father” implies loving provision for His “children.”
- In order to call Him our Father, we must be *adopted* into His family.
- Spiritual *adoption* into His family is only available through the Lord Jesus Christ.





Rom. 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God,  
**they are the sons of God.**

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.**

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit,  
that **we are the children of God:**

17 And if children, then heirs; **heirs of God, and joint-  
heirs with Christ;** if so be that we suffer with *him*, that  
we may be also glorified together.

- Being adopted into the family of God is a wonderful expression of God's love.

1 Jn. 3:1 **Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God:** therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 **Beloved, now are we the sons of God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

3 And every man that hath this **hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.**

- This purification, known as sanctification, segues into the next principle.



## B. The Principle of Righteousness – “...Hallowed by thy name...”

**Original Word:** ἁγιάζω

**Transliteration:** hagiazó

**Definition:** I make holy, treat as holy, set apart as holy, sanctify, **hallow**, purify.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/37.htm>

- God is holy.

Lev. 11:44 For I *am* the LORD your God: **ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy:** neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

45 For I *am* the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: **ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.**

1 Pet. 1:16 Because it is written, **Be ye holy; for I am holy.**

- During His high-priestly prayer, right before Calvary, Jesus exemplified the address of “Holy Father.”

Jn. 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. **Holy Father**, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we *are*.



- When we pray, we must be aware of His holiness, and consequently, our sinfulness.
- When unconfessed sin reigns in a believer's heart, prayers are an exercise of futility.

Psa. 66:18 If I regard **iniquity in my heart**, the Lord will not hear *me*:

Prov. 28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, **even his prayer shall be abomination.**

Isa. 59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and **your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.**

- In order to have fellowship with God, we must meet His standard.

Amos 3:3 Can **two walk together**, except they be agreed?



- God is holy and the beginning of a powerful prayer life starts when God sees us as holy according to His standards.
- Salvation AND sanctification are requirements for answered prayers!

Rom. 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God **through our Lord Jesus Christ:**

2 **By whom also we have access by faith** into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

- In order to be just in His eyes, He can only accept us after we come to Christ.

Eph. 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein **he hath made us accepted in the beloved.**

- We need the *imputation of righteous* from the Lord Jesus Christ, and His righteousness imputed to us, BEFORE we can enter into the holy presence of our Holy God.

Rom. 4:6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom **God imputeth righteousness without works, ...**

8 Blessed *is* the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. ...

23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

24 But **for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him** that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;



- The Lord Jesus Christ is the propitiation for our sins, meeting God's standard of holiness, providing His righteousness for us.

1 Jn. 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, **we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:**

2 And **he is the propitiation for our sins:** and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.

- As our Advocate, He is our Intercessor.

Rom. 8:34 Who *is* he that condemneth? ***It is* Christ** that died, yea rather, that is risen again, **who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.**

Heb. 7:25 Wherefore **he is able also to save them to the uttermost** that come unto God by him, **seeing he ever liveth to make intercession** for them.



- The first principles of prayer emphasize relationship – salvation and sanctification.

Luke 11:2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, **Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.**

Jn. 9:31 Now **we know that God heareth not sinners:** but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, **him he heareth.**

Jas. 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. **Cleanse *your* hands, ye sinners; and purify *your* hearts, ye double minded.**

## Conclusion

- When a believer is in fellowship with the Father, power prayers are possible!

1 Jn. 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; **that ye may know that ye have eternal life**, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, **if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:**

15 And **if we know that he hear us**, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.