

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

A few weeks ago 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...”

II. THE EXPECTATION OF THE SAVIOR

Lu. 11:2b “...When ye pray...”

III. THE ENLIGHTENMENT OF THE SAVIOR

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

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

C. The Principle of Reigning – “...Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done...”

1. The Prophesied Reigning – “...Thy Kingdom come...”

- Literally, “Let come the kingdom of you.”
- Which “kingdom” is commanded to be initiated?
- Why pray about something in the future for which we do not know a time factor?
- **Productive prayer requires a proper perspective when we come to the throne of grace.**

2. The Present Reigning – “...Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.”

- Literally, “Let be done the will of you.” – presently!
- The Lord’s model prayer contains several imperative verbs indicating we are to “command” God.

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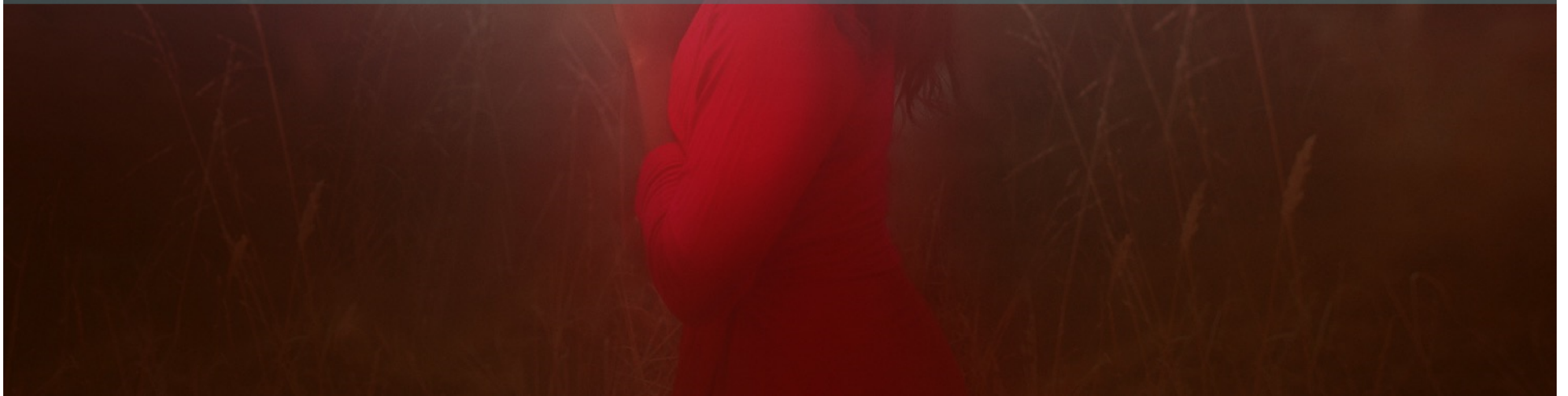
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Isa. 45:11 Thus saith **the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me** of things to come concerning my sons, and **concerning the work of my hands command ye me.**

- When we “command” in prayer that we want God’s will to be done, we are expressing our desire to live our lives for His glory.

Psa. 37:4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and **he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.**

- The Scriptures teach the relationship of prayer to the will of God:
- Once again, our focus is directed to the place of God's standard for us – "...as in heaven, so in earth."
- The primary lesson is OBEDIENCE.
- Disobedience leads to unanswered prayer, as well as God's judgment.
 - The will of God was the focus of Jesus.
 - In the New Testament, obedience is joined to loving God.



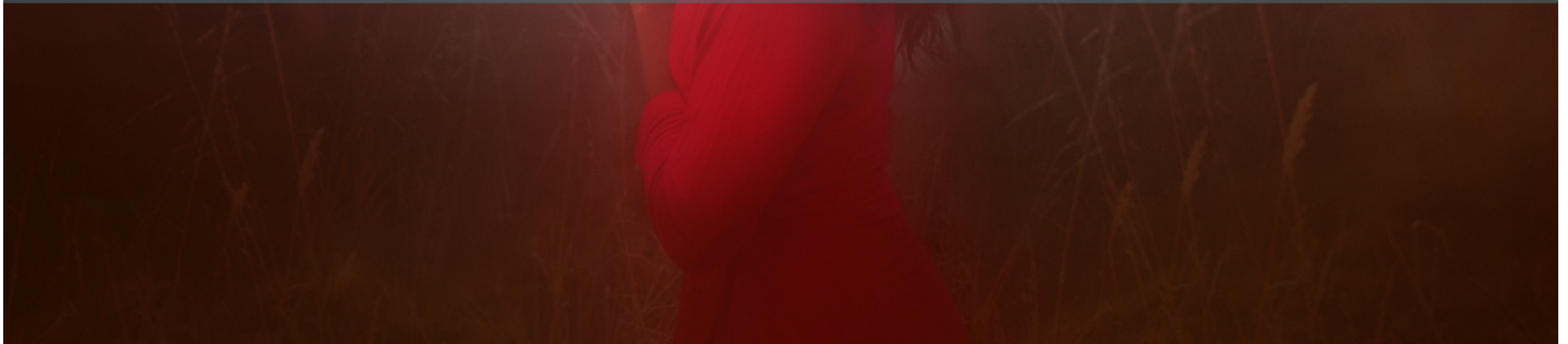
We continue our new series by focusing upon the Principles of Prayer that Jesus taught His disciples...

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D. The Principle of Request – v. 3 “Give us day by day our daily bread.”

Psa. 104:15 “...and bread *which* strengtheneth man's heart.”

1. This Request is Personal, “...us...our...”



- Note the usage of pronouns: “...us...our...”
- The opening of the model prayer focuses upon our being conscious of our relationship with God and Who He is.
- We approach Him on His terms:

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- The last half of the model prayer is focusing upon our personal needs:

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Lu. 11:3 Give **us** day by day **our** daily bread. = for the present

4 And forgive **us our** sins; for **we** also forgive every one that is indebted to **us**. = for the past

And lead **us** not into temptation; but deliver **us** from evil. = for the future

- The request is personal, but also practical.

2. This Request is Practical, "...daily..."

- The personal need is to focus on the practical, daily provision for the maintenance of life.

- Believers are to seek God's strength and direction for the moment.

Jer. 10:23 O LORD, I know that the way of man *is* not in himself: ***it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.***

Prov. 14:12 There is ***a way which seemeth right unto a man,*** but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

Phil. 4:13 I can do all things ***through Christ which strengtheneth*** me.

- Daily seeking does not diminish daily responsibility of personal involvement for personal sustenance.

2 Thess. 3:10 For even when we were with you, **this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.**

11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, **working not at all**, but are busybodies.

12 Now them that are such **we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ**, that with **quietness they work, and eat their own bread.**

Prov. 12:11 **He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread:** but he that followeth vain *persons* is void of understanding.

2 Cor. 3:4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:
5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; **but our sufficiency is of God;**

- Seeking for daily provisions promotes daily fellowship and daily faithfulness.

Ex. 16:4 Then said the LORD unto Moses, **Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day,** that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

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.**

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.

3. This Request is Powerful, “...bread.”

- Everyday we need the *daily bread* that is the written Word of God.

Deut. 8:3 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.**

Job 23:12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; **I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.**

Mt. 4:3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, **but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

- Everyday we need the *daily bread* that is the Living Word of God.

Jn. 6:31 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.**

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. ...

48 **I am that bread of life.**

Conclusion

Mt. 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

9 **Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?**

10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, **how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?**

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