

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.

A person wearing a red long-sleeved shirt is shown from the chest up, standing in a field of tall grass. They have their hands clasped in prayer and their head is tilted upwards. The background is a soft-focus field of grass under a bright sky. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark blue-grey gradient, which serves as a background for the white text.

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...”

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

E. Principle of Reciprocity – “And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us.

F. The Principle of Reality – “...And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.”

G. The Principle of Regality – “...which art in heaven...”

- The “*Model Prayer*,” when properly considered, helps us focus upon our Creator’s greatness, and what He considers important for us to consider.



This morning we will consider...

THE HOUR THAT CHANGES THE WORLD

In his book, *The hour that changes the world*, Dick Eastman suggests that one divide an hour into 12 periods of 5 minutes each.



After 5 minutes you change to another form of prayer. The following is Dick Eastman's grouping:

1. Praise and Worship
2. Waiting on the Lord
3. Confession
4. Pray the Word
5. Watching
6. Intercession
7. Petitions
8. Thanksgiving
9. Song
10. Meditation
11. Listening
12. Praise



The following is a summary of each of the 12 different aspects of prayer

1. ***Praise and Worship*** is an expression of admiration and devotion to God:
2. ***Waiting on the Lord*** is an act of surrender to, and of love and admiration for God, (often wordless worship.)
3. ***Confession*** of sin and humiliation is an act of admitting my sinfulness to God and of cleansing me as the Temple of God, allowing me entrance into His presence.
4. ***Praying Scripture*** is to feed myself spiritually and to pray according to God's agenda and revelation.
5. ***Watching*** is a time of spiritual observation (perception), to be on the look-out, to be spiritually aware of matters to pray for.

6. *Intercession* is to pray for others, to concentrate on the needs and distress of other people, to stand in the gap for someone else.

7. *Petition* for your personal needs.

8. *Thanksgiving* is a time to acknowledge our appreciation to the Lord for His care and protection and for who He is.

9. *Song* is melodious praise and worship.

Eph. 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

19 **Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;**

20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

10. Meditation means to reflect upon or examine a matter more closely and to evaluate it spiritually.

Psa. 1:1 Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and **in his law doth he meditate day and night.**

Josh. 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but **thou shalt meditate therein day and night**, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

- Think about the Being and nature of the Triune God, His creation and great deeds and His character.
- Take a specific theme from Scripture and meditate on it. (righteousness, love, truth, light, peace, holiness, etc.)
- Take a portion of Scripture and meditate on it.

Prov. 13:23 Much food *is in* the tillage of the poor: but there is *that is* destroyed for want of judgment.

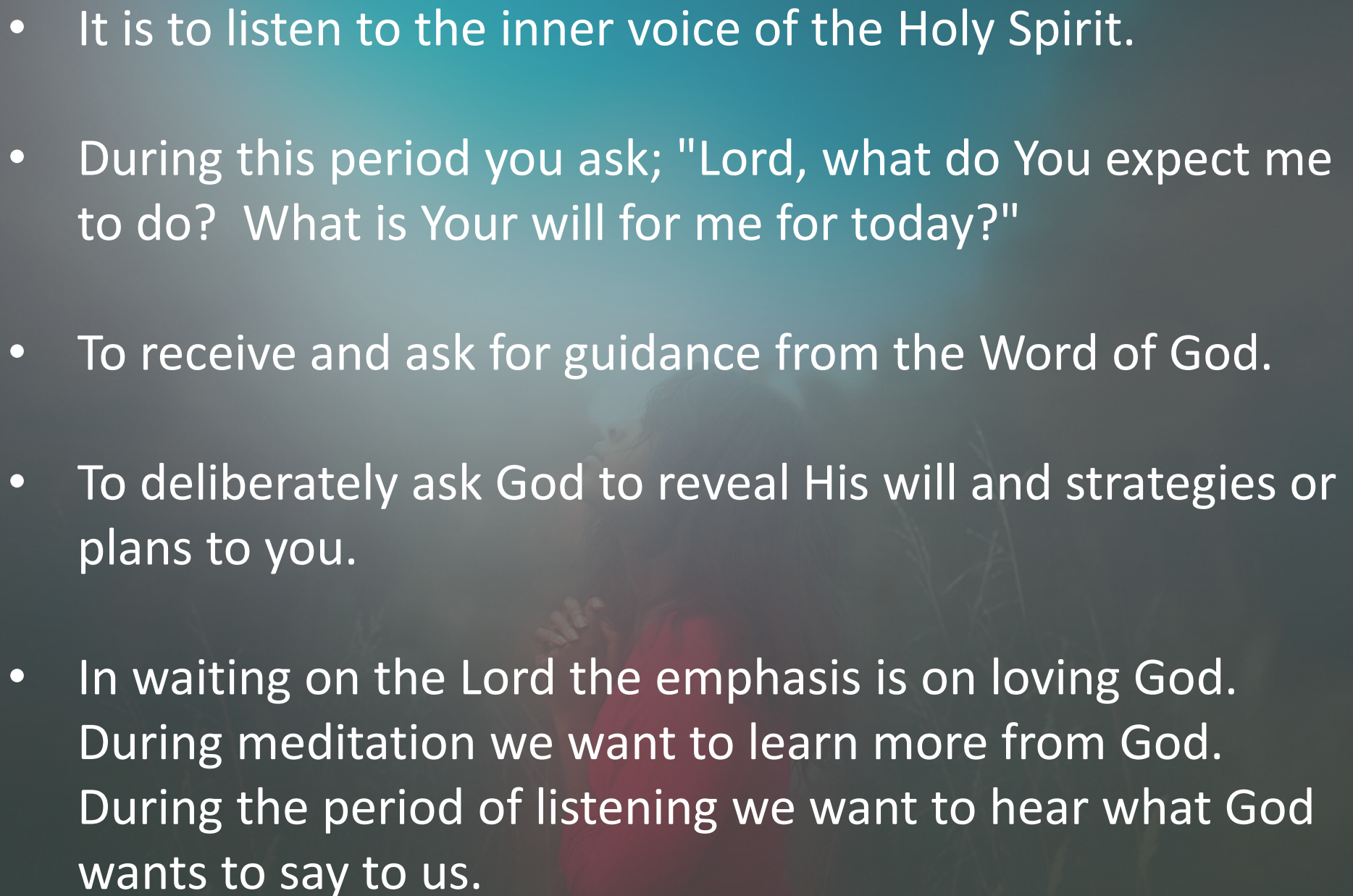
- The Potential – “Much food...”
- The Performance – “...*is in* the tillage
- The Problems – “...but there is *that is* destroyed for want of judgment.”
- The Poor – “...of the poor...”

Psa. 10:14b “...the poor committeth himself unto thee...”

- Make God the main focus of your meditation; His works, His Word, His character.

11. *Listening* is a period in which you receive instruction from the Lord and ask Him to reveal to you the things that He wants you to notice and pay attention to.

Eccl. 5:2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter *any* thing before God: for God *is* in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

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- It is to listen to the inner voice of the Holy Spirit.
 - During this period you ask; "Lord, what do You expect me to do? What is Your will for me for today?"
 - To receive and ask for guidance from the Word of God.
 - To deliberately ask God to reveal His will and strategies or plans to you.
 - In waiting on the Lord the emphasis is on loving God. During meditation we want to learn more from God. During the period of listening we want to hear what God wants to say to us.

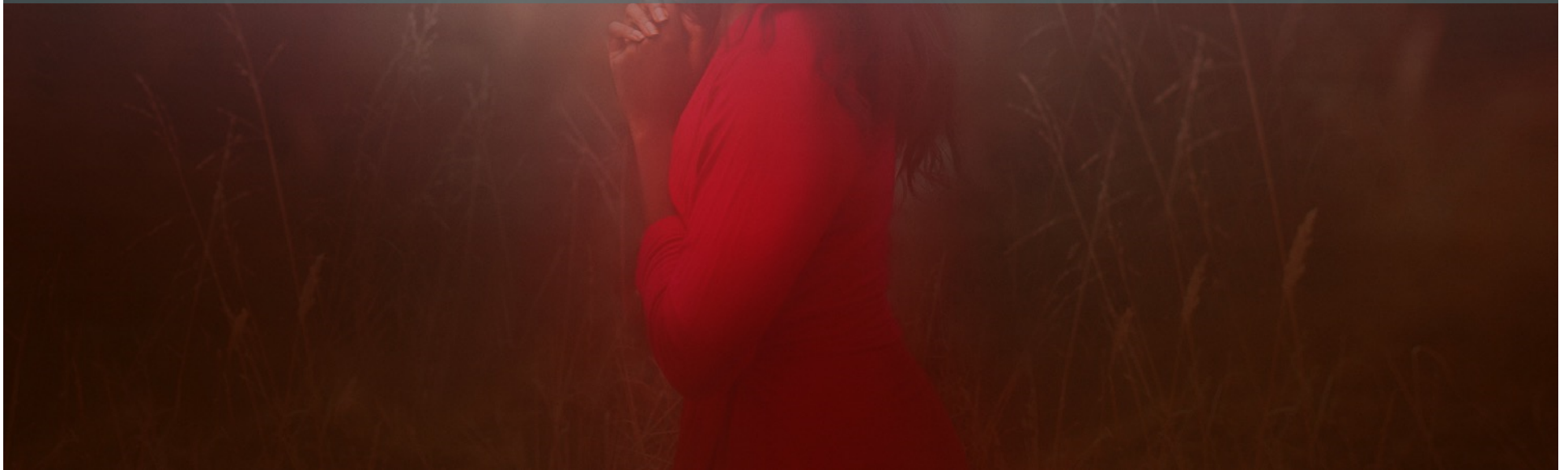
- You can ask the Lord specific questions, perhaps some difficult questions that you do not have the answers to. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit.
- Be careful not to say immediately: "The Lord said this and that to me."

12. Praise is to exalt and glorify God. To tell Him that you know who He is and to whom you are praying and that you trust Him with your supplications.

Mt. 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: **For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

- Let your Amen be strong at the end and confirm thus that you believe that God has heard you and will answer you. Amen means: it is true and sure, so shall it be.
- This is the final spiritual act of putting God on the throne of your life.
- This is where you declare: Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

<http://www.jwipn.com/pdf/thehourthatchangestheworld.pdf>



PRAYER REQUESTS

Spiritual Needs

Church

GCA

Nation

State

Special Needs

Surgery

New Church

Round-Up Day

George Jimenez' Ankle

Physical Needs

Pastor Adams – diabetes

Larry Roe – COPD

Mike Weber – MS

Robi Robinson – health

Misc. Needs

New Bus

New Security System

Election in November

New blacktop

Conclusion

1 Tim. 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, **first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;**

2 For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; **that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.**

3 For **this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;**

4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

5 For ***there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;***

6 Who ***gave himself*** a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.