

# 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...

*COMMUNICATION WITH THE CREATOR*

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 Reciprocation – “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.

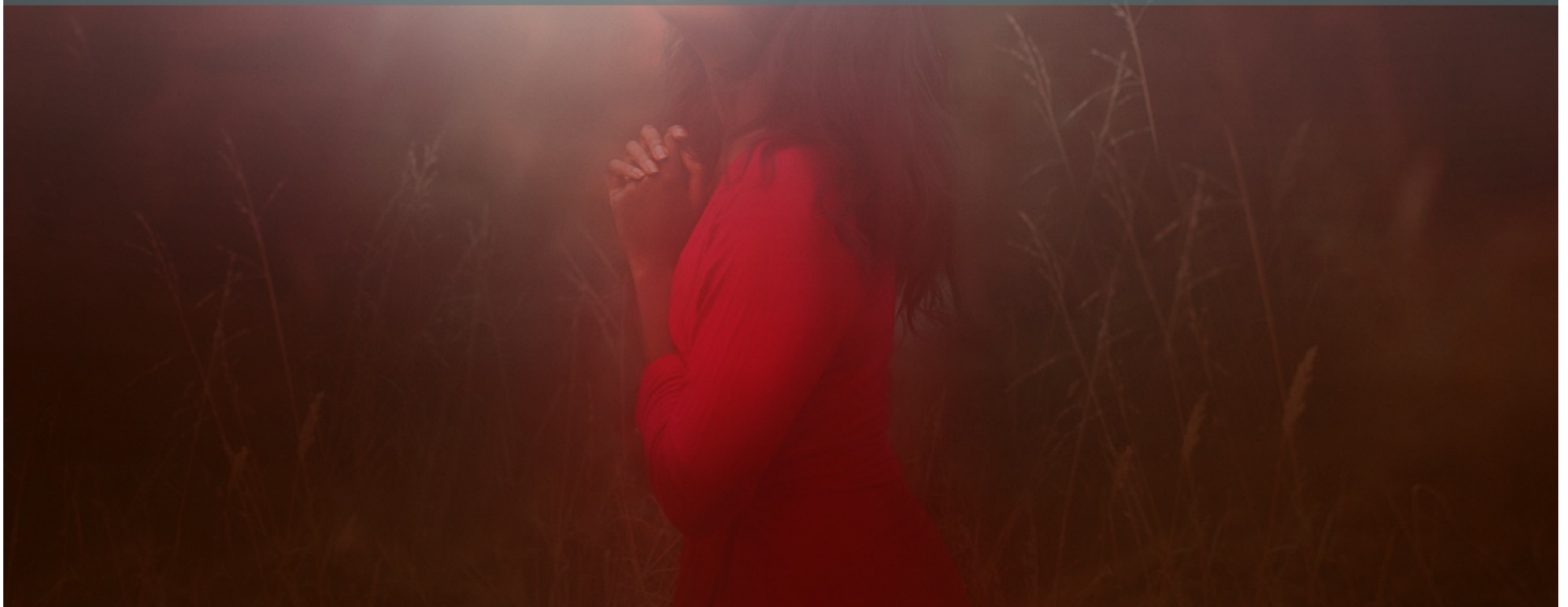




This morning we will consider...

## 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



## 7. *Petition* for your personal needs.

Mt. 6:11 Give us **this day** our daily bread.

Phil. 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but **in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.**

1 Chron. 4:10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep *me* from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.



- To pray for my "daily bread."
- To bring my own distress, emotions, crisis situations, needs and desires before God.
- I come to God in total dependence and humility and ask Him to provide in all my needs. I come to God as His servant and child.
- Do not impose or be prescriptive.
- Come in faith entrust as a friend of God.
- Be specific.
- As believers we may come to the Father and pray for our personal needs and we can pray expectantly ever for the smallest things.
- Watch out for selfish motives.

Jas 4:3 **Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.**

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

1 Thess. 5:18 **In every thing give thanks:** for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

- Think about the day and thank God for His care and provision for you and for others.
- Thank the Lord for new things He has done and still do, spiritual, material, physical and social.
- Thank the Lord for who He is His gifts, answers to prayer and for all His blessings.
- Be specific in your thanksgiving.



## 9. *Song* is melodious praise and worship.

Psa. 100:1 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

3 Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.

5 For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

- This is an act of worship and praise to God with spiritual songs.
- This can be a battle cry against the powers of darkness. Song and spiritual warfare (our battle against the evil one) are inextricably linked to each other.
- You can use existing songs or you can sing your own new songs. You can start by taking parts of Scripture and change it into songs.
- This is to express admiration, worship and glorification to God through song.
- Music is a wonderful tool to be used for our spiritual fulness.



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;



# 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.