

Luke 11 Pt 4 vv5-28

Magnify the Lord

- Jesus teaches how to Pray
- **Jesus teaches Persistence in Prayer**

5 And [Jesus] said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 7 and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'? 8 I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet **because of his persistence he will rise and give** him as many as he needs.

IOWs If bugged enough, our friend will give us whatever we want to make us go away
But God is not waiting for us to bug Him enough...**He waits for His perfect timing**

9 **"So I say to you**, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Lit. Ask, keep on asking/Seek, keep on seeking/Knock, keep knocking
We are to 1) Pray Continually and 2) We are to **Pray Big...**

Ephesians 3:17 ...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be **filled with all the fullness of God**. 20 Now to Him who is able to do **exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think**, according to the power that works in us, 21 **to Him be glory** in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

- Pray Continually/Pray Big...**Pray in Jesus Name**

John 14:13 ...whatever you ask **in My name**, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything **in My name**, I will do it.

Not a tag... But in accord w/Jesus Will/Character/Priorities/Perfect Timing

- **Pray with Faith** [Expectation]

Mark 11:24 ...whatever things you ask when you pray, **believe that you receive them, and you will have them.**

James 1:6 ...ask in faith, **with no doubting**, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord...

- **Pray as you are Obedient**

1 John 3:22 ...whatever we ask we receive from Him, **because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.**

Pray Big/In Faith/Jesus Name/While Obedient
Be Persistent in Prayer because **God will act...**

10 For **everyone** who asks receives, and he who **seeks finds**, and to him who **knocks it will be opened.**

- **God's Timing/God's Ways are Perfect**

Isaiah 55:9 ... as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are **My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.** He knows more than us and he's already got this figured out

Matthew 11:6 ...blessed is he who is **not offended because of Me.** [Timing/Ways]

Our Loving/Generous/All-knowing Father listens to us/Gives us His best

11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, **being evil**, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more** will your **heavenly Father** give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

- Don't be afraid of His answer to prayer. He is good

God's best gift is available for the asking...The gift of His presence
Holy Spirit Dwelling/Empowering/**Making us whole...**

Galatians 5:22 ...the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control.** [Discernment, Wisdom, Strength, etc.]

- **Concludes this section on Prayer:** Continues toward the cross
- Began w/Our Father...

V. Don't Miss the Kingdom of God

14 And [Jesus] was **casting out a demon**, and **it was mute**. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the **mute spoke**; and the **multitudes marveled**. 15 But [some accused Him and said...] "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." 16 **Others, testing Him**, sought from Him a sign from heaven.

Sea Change Jesus begins His next lesson by casting out a demon
What does it take for someone to believe?

Luke 16:27 [Rich man in Hades to Abraham in Paradise] 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 28 for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' 29 Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' 30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 But he said to him, '**If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.**' "

Multitude just witnessed Jesus Power over Evil but *still did not believe...*

Some Accused/Others Tested

- Friends/Family deny witness of Jesus in our lives...
 1. **Show us a miracle** What about Jesus delivering me from darkness
 2. **Answer my questions** I have. [But there is always just one more...]

There is no miracle you can witness or question I can answer that will save you
Only receiving the Holy Spirit's conviction that you are a sinner headed for hell will work

John 16:8 And when He has come, He will **convict the world of sin**, and of righteousness, and of judgment...

- **Holy Spirit convicts** using the Law leading to our **desperate desire for Grace...**

Matthew 11:28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and **I will give you rest**. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will **find rest for your souls**.

- **Hearts of these people were hard...**
 1. Accused Jesus of using Satan to cast out Satan
 2. Tested Jesus by demanding another miracle and yet...

In His mercy Jesus will continue [For a time] to reason...

Isaiah 1:18 Come now, and **let us reason together...** Though your **sins are like scarlet**, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land; 20 But **if you refuse and rebel**, You shall be devoured by the sword"; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

17 But [Jesus], **knowing their thoughts** [reasons with] them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to **desolation**, and a house divided against a house falls. 18 If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. 19 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. 20 But if **[since] I cast out demons** with the **finger of God**, surely the **kingdom of God** has come upon you. 21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. 22 But when a **stronger than he** comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted/divides his spoils. 23 **He who is not with Me is against Me**, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

- **This is the Crossroads for Israel**

Jesus warned them *right here* of the unpardonable sin [Mat.12/Mark 3]
Attribute the work of God to Satan/Deny the Spirit's witness that Jesus is Messiah

- **Simple Logic:** Don't end up in hell cause your stupid/pigheaded

1. No one fights themselves...they fight their enemy
2. Satan is God's enemy/If I cast Satan out I am on the side of God
3. I am greater than Satan because I have power over Satan. Yet...
4. You still accuse Me of being on Satan's side...**want to rethink that?**

IOWs Are you with Me or Against Me?

Cause bad things happen when you willingly reject the Light you know is true

24 "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' 25 And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. 26 Then he goes and **takes with him seven other spirits more wicked** than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the **last state of that man is worse than the first.**"

- **Dual Application:** When light is rejected/Darkness gets darker
 1. Man delivered from a demon must then be filled w/the Spirit...**or get worse**
 2. Nation/Individual that rejects God's deliverance will **grow worse/worse...**

Better to have not seen the Light than to have seen it/Reject it

The last state will be worse than the first

- **Individual:** Being cleansed of drugs/alcohol is not salvation...Pride keep from Jesus
- **Nation:** Moral codes being followed/enforced is not salvation...Self righteousness

**Not about looking squeaky clean to men but an inward cleansing done by God
Repenting of sin and being born again filled with the Spirit of God is what is
required**

Salvation comes by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Jesus Alone...not Religion
Israel will choose impotent outward religion rather than drink New Wine Jesus offered

Matthew 23:27 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like **whitewashed tombs** which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are **full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.**

I revealed Myself to you as Light by overcoming Darkness. You rejected that Light

- **Ramifications of Israel rejecting Jesus** at the 1st coming are horrific

1. Destruction

Luke 19:41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, ⁴²saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things *that make* for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³For days will come upon you when your **enemies will build an embankment around you**, surround you and close you in on every side, ⁴⁴and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you **did not know the time of your visitation.**"

2. **Dispersion**
3. **Depravity**

- **Destruction/Dispersion/Depravity:** Fate of all who reject the Light of Jesus

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| 1. Witness of our lives rejected | Matured/Cult/Brainwashed |
| 2. Holy Spirit's Conviction rejected | Seared conscience/Hard heart |
| 3. Witness of Creation rejected | I believe in science. How's that worked? |

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **suppress the truth** in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest [evident] in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are **clearly seen**, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are **without excuse** 1 because, although **they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God**, nor were thankful, but became **futile in their thoughts**, and their foolish **hearts were darkened**. 22 Professing to be wise, **they became fools**, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God also **gave them up to uncleanness**, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26 For this reason God **gave them up to vile passions**. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. 27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

US **Rejects Jesus? Destruction/Dispersion/Depravity:** Bible proves itself true once again

- When Jesus ascended from Israel the spiritual vacuum was filled by Satan
- When men reject Jesus the spiritual vacuum is always filled by Satan...

The heart of man has a vacuum-like nature to it. It has to be filled. If we "empty" our heart with evil, without filling it with Jesus and His good, evil will rush in again to fill it. [Guzik]

Last state of Israel's rejection of Jesus will be worse than the first
I.e. Second Holocaust 2/3rds Killed in Great Tribulation

- Kingdom of God had come/They missed it
- **Somebody thinks it's getting way too serious...**

27 And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a **certain woman** from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" 28 But [Jesus] said, "More than that, blessed are those who **hear the word of God and keep it!**"

Stop the small Talk/You heart the Word of God. Now do it!
Pick a side. God has shown you enough

1. **Accept** Jesus/Be Saved Eternally
2. **Reject** Jesus/Be lost forever...they made excuses/chose latter

- **Same choice every human must make:** Accept/Reject Jesus

Exodus 32:26Moses: **"Whoever is on the Lord's side—come to me!"**

1 Kings 18:21 Elijah: "How long will you falter between two opinions? **If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal [is god], follow him."**

- **We say choose Jesus. We choose Light...**

Joshua 24:15b ...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."