

Luke 11 Pt 3

Jesus Heart

- Face like flint to Jerusalem...

IV. Teach us to Pray

1 Now it came to pass, as [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, **teach us to pray**, as John also taught his disciples."

- **Listened** to the way Jesus prayed/desired to do same

Luke 5:16 [Jesus prayed all the time] **often withdrew** into the wilderness and prayed.

Matthew 14:23 [Essential/High Priority]... sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain **by Himself to pray**. Now when evening came, He was alone there.

John spoke as a **man to his God**...Jesus spoke as a **Son to His Father**

- These Disciples...

1. **Taught by John the Baptist** ...yet desired more intimacy
2. **Heard the Religious leaders** ...yet that didn't sound like Jesus at all

Matthew 6:5 ...when you pray, you **shall not be like the hypocrites**. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 6 But you, **when you pray**, go into your room, and when you have **shut your door, pray to your Father** who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. 7 And when you pray, **do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do**. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 "Therefore do not be like them. For **your Father knows** the things you have need of before you ask Him.

How not to Pray? Don't pray like a **Hypocrite** or **Heathen**

- Don't pray like a Religious **Hypocrite** ...Loved to be seen praying
- Don't pray like Idol worshipping **Heathen** ...Bowing/Repetitious garble

One prays to onlookers/The other to the wind. **Instead...**

2 [Jesus] said to them, "When you pray, say: **Our Father** in heaven, **Hallowed be Your name**. Your **kingdom come**. Your **will be done** On earth as it is in heaven. 3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

Not a Prayer to be Repeated in Rote but instead a Template for Prayer

Components: Who God is/Where God is /What God wills/What we need

- **Who God is...**

1. **He is our Father** IF we are born from above/Born-Again
2. Bible **does not teach** universal Fatherhood of God

John 8:44 [Of Religious leaders] You are of **your father the devil...**

- He is our Father **IF** we are born-again

John 1:12 ...as many as **received Him**, to them He gave the **right to become children of God**, to those who **believe in His name...**

1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called **children of God!** ...**2** Beloved, now **we are children of God...**

A Great Privilege: Intimacy with God as our Dad

Mark 14:36 [Jesus prayer] "**Abba** [Daddy], Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."

Romans 8:14 ...as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are **sons of God. 15...**[We] received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "**Abba**, Father."

He is our Father IF we are born-again. If so it is our great joy/privilege
To approach our God as our Father...just as Jesus did

- ~~Who God is~~ Our Father/Daddy
- **Where God is** Our Father in Heaven

1. God is our Father: Intimacy yes but...
2. God is our Father **in Heaven**; to be approached **w/Respect**

Ecclesiastes 5:1 Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and **draw near to hear** rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil. **2** Do not be rash with your mouth, And let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For **God is in heaven**, and you on earth; Therefore **let your words be few.**

- **Sacrifice of fools:** Forgetting Who we are speaking to/Not considering our words

Proverbs 10:19 In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise.

- ~~Who God is~~ Our Father/Daddy Intimacy
- ~~Where God is~~ Our Father in Heaven Reverence Not man upstairs
- **What God is** **Holy is Your Name** **Set Apart**

The most spiritual and sanctified minds, when they fully perceive the majesty and holiness of God, are so greatly conscious of the **great disproportion between themselves and the Lord**, that they are humbled/filled with holy awe, and even with dread and alarm. [Spurgeon]

Holiness means purity, but "purity" doesn't describe it well enough. Purity merely means that it is unmixed, with nothing else in it. But that isn't enough. We talk of moral Excellency, but that isn't adequate. To be morally excellent is to exceed someone else in moral character. But when we say that God is morally excellent, who is it that He exceeds? The angels, the seraphim? Surely He does—but that still isn't enough. We mean goodness; we mean honor; we mean truth and righteousness; we mean all of these—**uncreated and eternal**. [Tozer]

IOWs: God is not now any holier than He ever was. And He never was holier than now. He did not get His holiness from anyone nor from anywhere. He is Himself *the* Holiness. He is the All-Holy, the Holy One; He is holiness itself, beyond the power of thought to grasp or of word to express, beyond the power of all praise. [Tozer] Thus...

We prepare our Minds/Hearts to meet w/God whose Name is Holy by...

Meditating on His Holiness....

We come into the presence of God with tainted souls. We come with our own concept of morality, having learned it from books, from newspapers and from school. We come to God dirty; our whitest white is dirty; our churches are dirty, and our thoughts are dirty and we do nothing about it! If we came to God dirty, but trembling and shocked and awestruck in His presence, if we knelt at His feet and cried with Isaiah, I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips [Isaiah 6:5], then I could understand. But **we skip into His awe-ful presence**. We're forgetting holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. [Tozer]

- ~~Who God is~~ Our Father
- ~~Where God is~~ Our Father in heaven
- ~~What God is~~ Holy is His Name
- **What God wills** Not our will but God's will...

1 Corinthians 6:20 ...you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, **which are God's**.

[Your will be done] These words mean the **breaking of my independence with my own hand** and surrendering to the supremacy of the Lord Jesus. No one can do this for me, I must do it myself. God may bring me up to the point three hundred and sixty-five times a year, but He cannot put me through it. It means breaking the husk of my individual independence of God, and the emancipation of my personality into oneness with Himself, not for my own ideas, but for absolute loyalty to Jesus. There is no possibility of dispute [*when I get to that place*. Italic mine]. [Oswald Chambers]

Giving up my will for the will of my all-knowing/all loving Father
Knowing/Trusting in His Good Purpose/Plan/Timing for my Life

Luke 22:42 [Jesus our example]... "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless **not My will, but Yours, be done.**"

- ~~Who God is~~ Our Father
- ~~Where God is~~ Our Father in Heaven
- ~~What God is~~ Holy is His Name
- ~~What God wills~~ God's will be done here as He wills in Heaven
- **What we need:** Daily Bread...

Physical/Spiritual Sustenance

1 Timothy 6:6 [Peace in God's provision]... godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having **food and clothing, with these we shall be content.**

- **Physical Sustenance:** God will supply all our needs...

Matthew 6:25 ... **do not worry** about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?... **30** Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? **31** "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' **32** For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33** But **seek first the kingdom of God** and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. [As demonstrated here, i.e....God first]

- **Spiritual Sustenance:** God provides all we need for life/Godliness **in His Word**

Matthew 4:4 It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the **mouth of God**.

John 4:34... **My food is to do the will of Him** who sent Me, and to finish His work.

As food **satisfies our bodies**

Doing God's will, i.e. Seeing people saved/growing/solid **satisfies our soul**

- **Give us this day our Daily Bread**

4 And **forgive us our sins**, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one."

Last Components of Prayer Template

God's Forgiveness/God's Protection

- We all need to be forgiven/We all need to forgive
- If we will not forgive/We will not be forgiven...

After the same teaching in Matthew Jesus adds this...

Matthew 6:14 ...if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. **15** But **if you do not forgive** men their trespasses, **neither will your Father forgive your trespasses**.

Forgiving is not optional for a person who believes they are going to heaven
IOW's **If you do not forgive you will not be forgiven**

2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves as to **whether you are in the faith**. Test yourselves. [Do you forgive?] Do you not know yourselves, that **Jesus Christ is in you?**

Ephesians 4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, **forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you**.

Colossians 3:13 bear... with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even **as Christ forgave you, so you also must do**.

- Forgiven people do not have the luxury of not forgiving/Staying Bitter
- **Bitterness** is like drinking poison hoping other person dies

If you hold on to bitterness your life will be bitter. If you're keeping someone on the hook for sinning against you they are always there...on the hook and living rent-free in your head. Let the bitterness go/let them off the hook and you will be the one set free. [NJC]

- No forgiveness from the heart apart from **gazing at the cross**

Exodus 15:23 ...when [Israel] came to Marah they could not drink the waters of Marah for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah [lit. bitter]. 24 And the people complained against Moses saying, "What shall we drink?" 25 So he cried out to the Lord and the **Lord showed him a tree**. When he cast it into the waters the **waters were made sweet**.

- Bring the tree into the mix and make **what is bitter sweet...**

Let God show you the tree His Son hung on for your sin
Let Jesus take your bitterness/Make your life sweet again

Mark 11:25 ...whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, **forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses**.

- We need to forgive/**We need to be forgiven**

1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Lead us not into temptation...But deliver us from the evil one
We're not smart enough to stay away from what kills us...

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the **way of death**.

- **No victory** over temptation w/out prayer
 1. Not good intentions/Not New Year's resolution
 2. Not religious ceremonies/Not self-help book.

Victory over sin come from the empowerment of the Holy Spirit through prayer
This is war...

Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the **flesh is weak**."

Victory over temptation begins with...
Sober Awareness of the Battle/Prayer of Faith to our Leader

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant [in prayer]; because your adversary the devil **walks** [prowls] about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 **Resist him, steadfast in the faith**

Genesis 4:7 ...sin lies at the door. And **its desire is for you**, but you should rule over it."

- All the trying in the world will not keep you from falling, **but only Jesus/Spirit**

Jude 1:24 Now to Him who is able to **keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless** Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, 25 To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. **God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted** beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also **provide the way of escape**, that you may be able to endure it.

- **God always provides a way of escape:** We must expect it/recognize it/use it

The Drowning Man: A fellow was stuck on his rooftop in a flood. He was praying to God for help. Soon a man in a rowboat came by and the fellow shouted to the man on the roof, "Jump in, I can save you." The stranded fellow shouted back, "**No, it's OK, I'm praying to God**, and he is going to save me." So the rowboat went on. Then a motorboat came by. "The fellow in the motorboat shouted, "Jump in, I can save you." To this the stranded man said, "**No thanks, I'm praying to God**, and he is going to save me. I have faith." So the motorboat went on. Then a helicopter came by and the pilot shouted down, "Grab this rope and I will lift you to safety." To this the stranded man again replied, "**No thanks, I'm praying to God**, and he is going to save me. I have faith." So the helicopter reluctantly flew away. Soon the water rose above the rooftop and the man drowned. He went to Heaven. He finally got his chance to discuss this whole situation with God, at which point he exclaimed, "I had faith in You, but you didn't save me, you let me drown. I don't understand why!" To this God replied, "I sent you a rowboat and a motorboat and a helicopter, what more did you expect?"

- **Teach us to Pray:** Template/Model Prayer

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| 1. Who God is | Our Father |
| 2. Where God is | Our Father in heaven |
| 3. What God is | Holy is His Name |
| 4. What God wills | God's will be done |
| 5. What we need | Daily Bread |

- Confession
- Protection