

Knowing God through Prayer

Luke 11:1-4 (ESV)

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- Relating to a Holy God as an unholy human.
- Communication – key to any healthy relationship. It takes time.
- Asking God how to pray (Luke 11:1-4)

The uniqueness of this account (as opposed to Mat. 6:9-13)

- 1) “Now Jesus was praying in a certain place...”
 - a. Jesus was praying, not engaged in formal teaching.
 - b. Why did *Jesus* need to pray?
 - i. Jesus *desired* the fellowship with His Father that came through prayer.
 - ii. Setting a new example for His followers..
 - iii. Shows that it’s less “how” and more “that” He prayed.
 - iv. God used it for a “teachable moment.”
 1. Jesus did not allow His time teaching to become a distraction that prevented Him from prayer.
 2. Disciples responded to the fact that Christ prayed.
- 2) The request “Lord, teach us to pray...”
 - a. What did they want?
 - b. Would we ask this?

➤ Approaching God

- As Father – a significant change.
- As hallowed – He is still to be set apart as special to us

➤ Petitioning God

- For *His* will “Your kingdom come.” (v. 2b)
- For our needs “Give us each day our daily bread” (v. 3)
- Personal victory over sin (v. 4)
 - The need for forgiveness from God
 - A desire to not sin (repentance)

➤ When we are discouraged for lack of “feeling like we actually ‘met’ with God” (Romans 8:26-27).

“The Lord’s Prayer”
Matthew 6:9b-13 (KJV)

^{9b}Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. ¹⁰Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.