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Bible Study Schedule September 2021

Date	Study Title	Scriptures
9/8/2021	Discovering God's Will - Moses	Exodus 32:1-14
9/15/2021	Relying on God - David	Psalms 5
9/22/2021	Praying Together - The Early Church	Acts 4:23-31
9/29/2021	Praying with Confidence - Jesus	Luke 11:1-13

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This Week's Lesson – September 29, 2021

Prayer: Our Adventure With God

Lesson 4:

Praying with Confidence - Jesus

Luke 11:1-13



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Introduction To The Book Of Luke

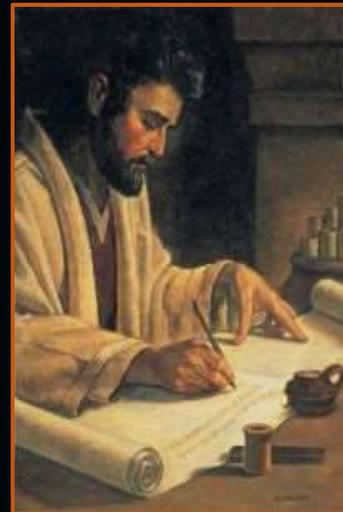
Author: Luke, a companion of the Apostle Paul, wrote the books of Luke and Acts (Luke 1:1–4 and Acts 1:1–3)

Date of Writing: Between A.D. 58 and 65.

Purpose of Writing: To provide an orderly account of the ministry of Jesus as the Lord and Savior of all.

Practical Application:

- Both Jews and Gentiles are united in the New Covenant of grace by faith in Christ.
- Jesus was not “turned off” by the poor, the needy or people of different races or social status.
- We must follow the example of Jesus and bring the good news of salvation poor and needy.

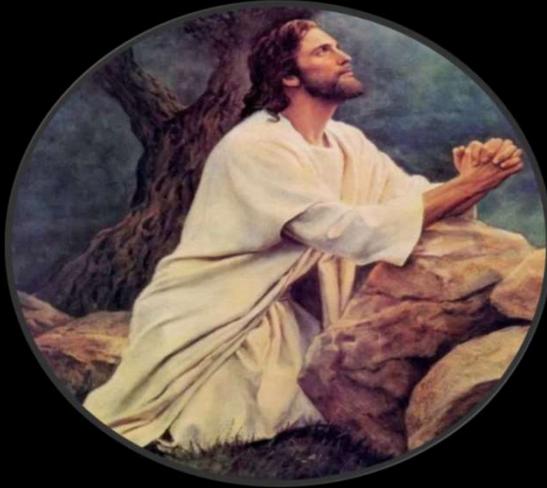


Luke – The Gentile Physician



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Overview Luke 11



Jesus Is Praying To His Father
In A Certain Place



Jesus Teaches His Disciples How
To Pray Per Their Request.

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Read Luke 11:1 – 13

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1. What different aspects of prayer can you see within the model that Jesus gave his disciples in verses 2-4?

- **Adoration (Praise & Worship):** *“Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name”*
- **Consecration (Submission To God):** *“Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.”*
- **Thanksgiving & Supplication:** *“Give us day by day our daily bread”*



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1. What different aspects of prayer can you see within the model that Jesus gave his disciples in verses 2-4?

- **Confession:** *“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.”*

Note: “Here... the doxology and the Amen in the close is wholly omitted (cf. Matt 6:13), for Christ would leave them at liberty to use that or any other doxology...” ~ M. Henry

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2. In what ways do the different aspects and emphases in the prayer provide a model for your own prayer life?

- **Adoration (Praise & worship):** Expressing personal praise & love for Our God, Lord, King and Father
- **Consecration (Submission to God):** Acknowledging God rule of everything and submitting to His Will.
- **Thanksgiving & Supplication:** Thanking God for what we have and believing He will provide
- **Confession:** Asking forgiveness for our sins and others – requesting God’s power to overcome the devil’s temptations.



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3. Why do you think the friend overcomes his initial reluctance to help his neighbor (vv. 5-8)?

- **Relationship In The Need:** They had relationship and were close – the needy friend would always be around (He knows where his friend lives...)
- **Persistence Toward The Need:** He knew that there would be no rest, because the friend would keep knocking and knocking ...
- **Seriousness of the Need:** The need is coming in the middle of the night - it is not a casual request that pushes him to meet that need.



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4. What does this passage teach us about how and why our prayers are answered?

How Prayers Are Answered

- **Our Confidence In God:** Believing that God is available, able to meet our request and do what is best for us.
- **Our Endurance With God:** Trusting God to meet our need at just the right time – no matter how things look now
- **Our Specific Requests To God:** Faith makes requests that are specific – without doubt or wavering.

“...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” James 5:16 (NKJV)



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Why Prayers Are Answered

- **By The Provision/Power of God:** God not only has power to save us but also to provide for our daily needs.
- **Because of The Love of God:** God, Our Father loves us – and takes great delight in answering our prayers
- **To Grow Our Faith/Joy In God:** To give us joy to praise His Glory - preparing us to ask for even greater things!

“Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.” John 16:24 (NKJV)



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5. In what ways does this passage help you to be more confident about prayer?

Principles On Prayer:

- God hears when we call out to Him in prayer – even when it seems like He is not answering
- When we have a specific need, make a specific request and God will give us what we need.
- Although God knows what we need, it delights Him when we bring them to Him in prayer.



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5. In what ways does this passage help you to be more confident about prayer?

- Like a good Father, we can trust Him to meet our need and give us good things.

Note: In vs. 13, the implication is that the gift of the Holy Spirit is God's "best", because He is the one who makes real to us what Christ has done for us.



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6. Luke 11:9-10 considers the issue of persistence in prayer. What does it say that persistence in prayer involves?

- **Asking**: First by faith we ask the Lord for what we need – believing by faith He can and will do it.
- **Seeking**: In anticipation we look for God’s answer to our prayer in lives.
- **Knocking**: Following His Will in obedience – ultimately leading us to find His will/answer.

Note: ask, seek and knock imply constantly asking, seeking and knocking. If we really want to see our prayer answered in line with his will, we should constantly pray.



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7. We are all tempted to not pray when we should pray. In what practical ways can we resist such temptation?

Practical Steps

- Confess your unbelief (1 John 1:9)
- Ask Jesus to strengthen your faith in prayer (Mark 9:24)
- Meditate on His promises about prayer (Rom 10:17)

Points To Ponder

- Prayerlessness is our old man (the flesh, sin nature)
- Prayerfulness is the Holy Spirit working in our new man.



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8. What practical steps do you need to take (individually or as a group) to develop your prayer life?

- **Commit To Daily Prayer:** Choose a specific time and place to meet with God in Prayer
- **Know Who Are Approaching:** Focus on the Heavenly Father and your personal relationship with Him .
- **Thank Him:** Praise opens the gates of heaven and should always be part of our alone time with God.
- **Ask For God's Will:** The safest place is in the center of His divine will.
- **Say What You Need:** Your Father in heaven delights to give you good gifts.



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8. What practical steps do you need to take (individually or as a group) to develop your prayer life?

- **Ask For Forgiveness.** If we want our prayers to be heard, we need to be right with God and with one another
- **Pray With Others.** There is power in agreement when believers pray together in Jesus' Name.
- **Pray The Word.** The Word of God has power and is our great spiritual weapon.
- **Memorize Scripture:** Knowing our spiritual authority in Christ from the Bible is the key to a vibrant prayer life.



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Keys For Living

- The Lord's Prayer (or the Disciple's Prayer") provides us with an excellent framework (Adoration Confession, Consecration, Thanksgiving, Supplication) to bring requests to Our Father God.
- God longs for His children to bring all of our needs (great or small) to Him to build our faith, increase our joy and give Him glory.
- Persistence in prayer is not an expression of doubt but demonstrates our faith that God is more than able to what we've asked.



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Prayer

“Dear God, help me to know that you long for me to communicate with you, and that it is your delight to lead me deeper into your love and purposes.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.”



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