

Luke 11:1–13

“Lessons from Jesus in Trinitarian, Gospel Prayer”

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What was the difference between Jesus’s praying and John’s? Pastor leads his family in today’s “Hopewell @Home” passage. Luke 11:1–13 prepares us for the opening portion of Morning Public Worship on the coming Lord’s Day. In these thirteen verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us to pray in light of the fact that Christ has come, making us to know God as Father, and pouring out His Holy Spirit, so that we may be sure of the consummate fulfillment of that kingdom that has come in Him.

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 • Read Luke 11:1–13

Questions from the Scripture text: What was Jesus doing (v1)? What did the disciples ask when He finished? How does Jesus respond to whom (v2)? How are they to address God? What is the first petition? The second? The third? For what manner of the doing of God’s will should they pray? What is the fourth petition (v3)? What is the fifth (v4)? What are the two parts of the sixth petition? About what hypothetical situation does He ask them in v5–6? What does He challenge them that they would not do (v7)? Why does He say that they would give the friend “as many as he needs” (v8)? Which actions of the friend in the question does He use to describe praying in v9? What will the Father do in response to each of these? What is the relationship of v10 to v9? What effect does this have, as Jesus urges them to be persistent in prayer? What new hypothetical questions does Jesus propose in v11–12? What does He say about their character in v13? But what does He say they know how to do? To Whom does He compare them? What good Gift will He much more surely give?

Next week’s Call to Worship, Prayer for Help, Song of Adoration, and Prayer of Confession all come from Luke 11:1–13, so that we will see that we are singing God’s thoughts after Him with *Come, My Soul, with Every Care*.

If the Lord Jesus’s praying in v1 is reflected in the petitions that He teaches them in vv2–4, then that gives us the content of the kind of prayer to which He is directing us in vv5–13. The teaching here is presented as a whole, bookended by “Our Father in heaven” in v2 and “your heavenly Father” in v13.

For what had John taught his disciples (v1)? He was proclaiming the need for repentance (3:1–14) in light of the coming of the Christ who would pour out upon them not water but the Holy Spirit (3:15–16). And it is reasonable to conclude that he taught them to pray along similar lines.

Now Christ the King upgrades all of these things as He teaches us to pray.

Not merely for the coming of the Christ, but for the consummation of His kingdom (v2).

Not merely for the requisite repentance but for sure and free forgiveness (v4).

Not merely for One who would pour out the Spirit, but for the instant, delighted, abundant giving of that Spirit by Him Whom we now know as Father (v11–13).

The Lord Jesus teaches us to be ambitious and confident as we pray for spiritual things! And oh how comforting this is to us who need constant reaffirmation of God’s forgiveness, of God’s Spirit carrying us along in our repentance and service, and of the powerful and unstoppable progress of His kingdom, despite all that we might think we see in the world!

His instruction on praying for earthly things is, by comparison, modest. Daily bread in v3. Sometimes requiring persistence in asking for bread, or whatever it is that we need (v5–8). Still, even these prayers are to be offered in confidence that whatever is good our wise and good Father will give us (v9–15, cf. Mat 7:7–10).

And of course, one of those good things He will give us is that ministry if His Spirit that stirs up our heart more and more toward spiritual things, as we serve our heavenly Father and King in every spiritual circumstance.

God grant that our praying would not be like John’s so much, but rather reflect that Christ has come, the Spirit has been given, and the kingdom is unstoppably coming! (cf. Ac 19:1–10)

What spiritual things are major items of prayer for you? What earthly things? In what manner do you pray?

Sample prayer: Lord, how marvelous it is to know You as Father! We come, hardly knowing what gifts to call good. But You have not only told us what to ask for, but have indeed planned to give us everything good—and, most of all, to give us Yourself. The Baptizer’s disciples learned to pray for much, but You have taught us to pray for much more. Forgive us for when our praying only addresses the smallest things, or when our prayer for eternally weighty and glorious things comes to you in weak and wobbly unbelief. Help us, by Your Spirit, to be sure of those eternally weighty glories for which You tell us to ask, through Christ, AMEN!

Suggested songs: ARP4 “Answer When I Call” or TPH518 “Come, My Soul, with Every Care”

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Luke 11 versus 1 through 13. These are God's words now. It came to pass as he was praying and a certain place when he sees one of his disciples said to him. Lord, teach us to pray as John also taught his disciples. So he said to them, when you pray, say our father in heaven hallowed be the your name you're kingdom.

Come your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us day by day our daily bread and forgive us. Our sins for we also forgive everyone who is and debted to us and do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

And he 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 for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey and I have nothing to set for him and he will answer from within and say do not trouble me.

The door is now shut, my children are with me in bed, I cannot rise and give to you. I say to you though. He will not rise and give him because he is a friend yet because of his persistence. He will rise and give him as many as he needs.

So I say to you ask and it will be given to you seek and you will find knock and it will be open to you. For everyone who asks receives, he who seeks finds Tim, who knocks it will be opened. 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 or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion if you then being evil? No, how to give good gifts to your children. How much more will your heavenly father give the holy spirit to those who ask him?

Man, listens this reading of God's inspired and inherent. Worked think we can infer from versus one through four that the Lord Jesus has praying is reflected in verses to through four. You remember that, at least four of these disciples were originally disciples of John the baptizer and they had they had been with him.

And so when they say teach us to pray as John also taught his disciples. There was a kind of praying that they had learned from John and we can probably infer rightly from John, the Baptizer's, preaching that he was praying for the coming of the Christ, for the coming of the one who would baptize with the spirit and fire praying for the success of our repenting, as he was calling upon people or proclaiming to people to repent for the kingdom of God is at hand.

Well, the disciples, some of them had been disciples of John, they hear Jesus pray and they have noticed that Jesus is praying is different than John's praying once and they would like to pray now. Not according to the pattern of John, but according to the pattern of Jesus and I say Jesus teach us to pray, like you pray.

This is something that all believers want. We're commanded in the Bible to pray. We know God is glorified by praying. We know that God has appointed prayer as a means by which he works in his responding to prayer as one of the great ways in which he works. And so we want to pray and we want to pray in a biblical way.

We want to pray in the way that the Lord Jesus prays as he intercedes for us, we want to pray. According to the mind of God just like Romans 8 to tell us that the Holy Spirit helps us and that he prays perfectly according to the mind of God and he intercedes for us because we don't know what to pray for as we ought.

And so we are very interested in the same thing that the disciples are interested. As we come to Luke in as we come to Luke 11, we want to learn to pray in a way. That is informed directed by Jesus's own praying and he gives us instruction here. One of the first things then is that we call God father, there is a child like confidence in the one who has adopted us was probably very unique for them to hear Jesus saying my father there was a sense in which Old Testament.

Believers knew the Lord as the father of Israel. The he had told Egypt Israel is my firstborn son, but they did not know him as father. The way, the Lord Jesus did, one of the great things that comes in. Jesus's ministry, is he makes clearer unto us, the nature of God, that we have seen many times in the Old Testament, but the Lord Jesus in, especially now, in his human nature, and before other humans, interacting, not only as a man, but as God, the son, the only begotten and through him, we may not become only begotten children, but we may become adopted children as the spirit of the sun is sent forth into our hearts.

Like the Holy Spirit says in Galatians and makes us call God our oba. And so you see right off the bat? That this is a Jesus, patterned praying when he said, when we say our father in heaven, and then he makes this point at the end of the passage, as well, after having reminded them that by God's mercy, even though they are evil fathers on earth, they give they know how to give their children, some good things.

They don't give their children, the worst thing possible, whenever their child asks for a good thing, they like to give their children good things and they and he says, if you then being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your friendly father?

Give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him. I said that's the the first thing that we ask now, what had John taught, his disciples, John had proclaimed. The need for repentance, he had proclaimed that there was a Christ coming, who would pour out the Holy Spirit and Jesus is teaching his disciples to believe that they are.

Receiving the Holy Spirit in verse 13, Christ upgrades as it were were, the kingdom has come. Jesus is the king. What John the baptizer was praying for has arrived. And now, you're not praying. We don't pray for the coming of Christ, but the second coming of Christ. We don't pray that the kingdom would come for the first time because we know that the kingdom has common Christ, but we still pray for the fullness of the kingdom and we pray that kingdom come.

We don't pray, merely for repentance, but for sure and free forgiveness. On the one hand in verse four, forgive us our debts for. We have forgiven others, God has given us repentance and because God is given us repentance, we are confident that he has forgiven us and we ask him to keep forgiving us.

In fact, not only has God given us repentance but we pray for the completion of that repentance. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give me now not only to love you. As you have made me to love you. Not only to obey you as you have called me according to your purpose and you can hear.

I hope in those those two requests Romans 8:28 all things working together for good, for those who love him or other called, according to his purpose, and you can see the work that God has done in you as a guarantee of all of the perfect good that he is yet to do for you.

But now don't just give me to love you. Don't as we have begun to do, as I begun to be called for your purpose. But grant, that that's stuff would be completed that I would be made like Jesus that I would be made in my righteousness, like the holy angels and the souls of the just made perfect.

Give me to do your will like they do in heaven, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We pray not merely for the one to come. Who would pour out this spirit? That's what John was preaching that there was one coming after him who would baptize with the spirit and with fire.

But we pray for the instant and delighted and abundant giving of that spirit, knowing that Christ has come and we see that in verses 11 through 13 of our, passage the Lord Jesus teaches us to be ambitious and confident in our praying your friend. He says, and in verses 5, through 8 might not be happy to give you something because he is your friend.

After all he was all nice and toasty and he's got his kids acting like hot water bottles warming him and probably his wife up and in bed, but he gets up, and he gets the three loaves. Not because he was happy to do it for the sake of your friendship, but because you are earnest and persistent and bold enough to bug them in the middle of the night.

Now, our heavenly father is not like our neighbor, he doesn't need sleep. He doesn't get chilly. He's not tired in the middle of the night or otherwise preoccupied. He's not like bail. Who goes on vacation or sits on the body, or bail doesn't exist? Doesn't actually do this things, but the idea of veil is Elijah mocks bail to bails prophets.

You remember all of that. Our God is always ready, and instant. And yet he has, in the way he is ordered things made boldness and persistence ways by which we can increase getting things from others to teach us to be bold with him through the Lord. Jesus Christ to teach us to be persistent within, through the Lord, Jesus Christ.

This is one of the things that prayer is designed to teach us to keep asking to keep seeking to keep knocking. It is a means of grace, not only in our getting what we ask for, but in the building of our confidence in Christ, stirring up of our faith and God as we continue asking, and as we are confident in the asking, even though we must ask persistently.

And to be bold with him because Jesus has taken away all of our guilt. Jesus has earned all of our favor and Jesus has gained for us the status of adopted children. There is no one who goes to the throne of a king with more confidence of the favor of the king.

Then the king's beloved child who knows and is confident in his daddy's affection. The greatest nobles of the land might go and they, they would not have the confidence in the hope and the certainty that the King's child does. And so we come and we learn what daddy likes because he is making us loving children as well.

And we ask for the things that daddy likes. That's one of the things that that is implied to us or talk to us and Jesus teaching us how to pray right in God's, good providence. Sofia's catechism question this week is quite as prayer, and the answer is prayer is asking God for things, which he has promised to give.

We want to ask for things that we know that the king likes. This isn't a manipulation of the king to bend him to our will and yet because he is teaching us as well because he's adopted us as his own dear children, because he's given us as only begotten son in whom we are adopted because he is sent his own spirit and given his spirit, the spirit of his son and sent him into our hearts, we have confidence before

him.

And so we ask and we seek and we knock. This was a marvelous thing. The Lord Jesus teaches us how to pray. One of the things that many Christians that one point to another in their life are troubled with is how feeble. And they may even fear unglorifying to God, their prayers are.

And so if you ever feel like you don't know how to pray or that you're praying is weak or not. Well, instructed or not pleasing to God, or not effective. As a means of God's grace to work in. You here as one of the great places in the Bible that you can come and learn how to pray from Jesus, on his own lips.

As it were, although, as you know, the whole Bible are the words of Christ and is useful, for teaching us to pray. But that special form of prayer that he has given us. As a model is the prayer that we find in the first four verses here will let us pray and ask God to help us in our praying.

Or father in heaven, how he thank you for reminding us as we learn about prayer of who you are. The great king of heaven to whom belongs a kingdom and whose kingdom has come in your son. Our Lord Jesus. The Christ. The anointed, thank you for reminding us. Not only of who you are, but of whom you have made us to be unto yourself.

That we are your beloved children. That you are not only our God and king but that you are our God and father and our king and father. And so we thank you that we make call. You are heavenly. Father up a slower often to have even these very words and always this very view of you.

As we have learned you to be such in Christ and as we embrace the greatness of your love for us beholding, the manner of love that you have shown unto us that we should be called the children of God. And that is what we are because that is what you have made us to be in your everlasting, electing love in Christ and in giving him to be ours and us to be joined in that we might be joint errors with him and he might be the first born among many brethren, so we pray that you would help us in our praying to know you to know, your will to pray according to your will to lay hold of your goodness to learn and grow in the graces of persistence and boldness and confidence in you.

Help us in our praying Lord that we would not just pare it out, many empty words as we are prone to do with mirror, intellectual theological knowledge. And that we would not just come with many light and frivolous words as we are prone, to do. If we come only with with love and familiarity, but not with the sturdy doctrine and teaching about who you are and what you have done and what you are doing, but help us.

We pray to put the thoughts with the relationship that you have taught us about. In this passage that we would know you and that. In knowing you, we would know your glory and we would know your purpose, and we would lay hold of those things. So, glorify yourself and all of our praying help us, we've asked an all of our praying and this to, we ask through Jesus in his name, we pray that. Amen.