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Luke 11:1-4, 9-13

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¹ Now it came to pass, as He 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.” ² So He 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 our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins, as we forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’”

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

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⁹ “In this manner, therefore, pray:

‘Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.’

¹⁴ “For 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.”

Context of Disciple's Request

- *“And it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, that when He ceased, one of His disciples said unto Him, “Lord, teach us to pray...”*
- Jesus' disciples had seen that prayer was a constant part of His life
- They sought to learn from one with experience
- They learned from One who had eternal experience in speaking to the Father

Examples of Jesus Praying

- In the mountain (**Matt. 14:23; Mark 6:46**)
- While alone (**Luke 9:18**)
- With Peter, James & John (**Luke 9:28**)
- Often went into the wilderness (**Luke 5:16**)
- Great while before day (**Mark 1:35**)
- All night (**Luke 6:12**)
- Three times in succession (**Matt. 26:39f**)

**We Should Also Seek
from His Example,
“Lord, Teach Us to Pray”**

With Reverence Towards God

- Jesus began the model prayer with reverent address to Father (**Luke 11:2**)
- **Matthew 6:9** - “Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name...”
- **John 17:11** - “Holy Father”
- **John 17:25** - “Righteous Father”
- Prayers of O.T. show this reverence

With Humility of Heart

- When pressed by crowds due to popularity, Jesus sought solitude in prayer, not glory (**Luke 5:15-16**)
- Jesus showed humility in all ways on earth
 - Christ is perfect example of humility (**Phil. 2:3f**)
 - As He left heaven & came into this world
 - As He suffered in every way for our redemption
- He instructed all to show humility in prayer (**Luke 18:9-14**)

With Thanksgiving

- Jesus often expressed thanks to Father (**Matt. 11:25-26**)
 - Before Lazarus was raised (**John 11:41**)
 - Establishing Lord's supper, Jesus taught disciples to offer thanks (**1 Cor. 11:24-25**)
- We are taught to give thanks in all things (**1 Thess. 5:17-18**)
- If Jesus gave thanks, we surely must do so

With Fullness of Faith

- Perfectly manifested in Jesus submission to death for our salvation (**Hebrews 5:7-8**)
 - Emotion of Jesus demonstrates the reality of the communication
 - Full faith in Father's will (**Matt. 26:39, 42, 44**)
 - Same faith seen in prayer days before (**John 12:27-28**)
 - We must have same full faith (**James 1:5-8**)
- Realized necessity of His death, though it was not His desire, and submitted in trust

With Goodwill to Enemies

- At crucifixion, prayed that enemies be forgiven (**Luke 23:33-34**)
 - Despite the cruel abuse & mockery, Jesus was ready to forgive even those inflicting the wrong
- Jesus taught same principles (**Lk. 6:27-38**)
- Cannot hate an enemy out of existence...
- But you can love them and pray for them until you no longer consider them an enemy
 - Pride & selfishness keep one from this action

With Concern for the Cause

- Jesus prayed all night before choosing the twelve (**Luke 6:12**)
- Jesus prayed for Peter & his recovery to service after the betrayal (**Luke 22:31-34**)
- Jesus prayed for the good of the cause even at His own expense (**John 12:27-33**)
- Our concern must be for the cause above self
 - Do we see value of sacrificing for cause?
 - Must keep that focus to death as Jesus did

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