TEACH US TO PRAY

Luke 11:1-4

V: 1  (A) One of HIS disciples asks: LORD, teach us to pray…

(B) So the following prayer is only an example of how to pray – not what to pray!

(C) Because vain repetition in prayer is condemned by the

   LORD – Matthew 6:5-8.

V: 2  (A) Our prayers are to be addressed to our “Father in Heaven”

   Because that is the kind of relationship GOD wants with us!

   Ephesians 2:19-22.

(B) Hallowed be THY NAME. Psalms 113:3.

(C) Thy Kingdom come – Since the Kingdom (the Church) has already come (Daniel 7:13-14 & Colossians 1:13), always remember that JESUS is a King now! cf: Acts 2:29-30


(D) Thy will be done – Psalms 143:10, 1 John 2:17 & 5:14.


V: 4  (A) Acknowledge your sins – Psalms 51:1ff & 103:3.

(B) Forgive others! Ephesians 4:32

(C) Lead us like a shepherd – away from temptations.

   1 Corinthians 10:13 & Peter 2:9.

(D) Deliverance to be sought – Psalms 25:20 & 91:3
THE PARABLE OF THE RELUCTANT NEIGHBOR

Luke 11:5-8

Why don’t we pray?

Do we view GOD as a reluctant neighbor?

V: 5-6  (A) This is a humorous story.

(B) A traveler must be fed is an age-old show of hospitality.

2 Samuel 12:4.

V: 7-8  (A) Are we afraid that God is in bed or that HE will say

Trouble ME not?

(B) God neither slumbers nor sleeps. Psalms 121:3

(C) If a reluctant neighbor will arise and give you what you

need because of importunity – how much more will GOD

who loves you – give you your daily bread!

THE PARABLE of THE THREE-FOLD PRAYER


V:9  (A) Attitudes of heart and our spiritual growth is the lesson here.
(B) Ask – We are to grow from *I want*....

(C) Seek – To what do you want from me GOD....

(D) Knock – to I will ....

V: 10  (A) The availability of the FATHER!

(B) Go to HIM in prayer

V:11  (A) A stone and a hungry child? Of course not, JESUS!

  (B) A fang and a little hand? Of course not, JESUS!

  (C) A wooly spider and little fingers? Of course not, JESUS!


**GREED**


V: 13  Greed – not a plea for justice.

V: 14  JESUS had only a bite and a rebuke for him.

V:15  (A) Covetousness – Exodus 20:17 & Psalms 10:3

  (B) *A man’s life* – JESUS is pointing toward the abundant life

    of mind, soul and spirit.


**THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL**

Luke 12:16-21

V: 16  Who made it come forth *plentifully*? Deuteronomy 6:10-12.

V: 17-19  (A) The man’s whole thinking and life was inverted into
Himself. Proverbs 1:32.

(B) This man uses I six times, my five times, himself one time and thine one time, referring to himself.

(C) He talked to the wrong person – soul – psyche or mental capacity. Proverbs 18:2.

(D) GOD was not consulted at all. James 4:13-17.

(E) He was a pleasure seeker. 1 Timothy 5:6 and 2 Timothy 3:4


V: 21 (A) treasure for himself - accumulation. James 5:3

(B) rich toward GOD – Proverbs 13:7 and Ephesians 1:18.