

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 11:1-4

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

WHEN A CHRISTIAN PRAYS – PART 1

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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Prayer, Power, Listen, Dialogue

So Important is the Issue of Praying and Prayer,
that the Bible records events, and moments, and turning points,
where prayer was the great avenue for deliverance!

Prayer: the single most activity

of the believer found in scripture,
and it occupies more pages of the Bible than anything else.

on two separate occasions,

Jesus taught the disciples an outline for prayer.

(1) recorded in Matthew's gospel chapter 6, and (2) here in Luke 11.

Luke 11:1-4

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 day by day our daily bread. :4 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."

WHAT A REALIZATION...

That When a Christian Prays, Someone's Listening

Nehemiah 1:6

let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants

WHEN A CHRISTIAN PRAYS

1.) It's an ongoing conversation

v.1-2a

Luke 11:1-4

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:2a So Jesus said to them, (1) "**When** you pray

Jesus states a clear assumption for the believer;
it's **not if** you pray, **but when** you pray.

1a.) it's an opportunity

v.1

Now it came to pass, as He was praying (*as was his custom*) in a certain place,

Jesus Saw The Need to Pray.

Jesus took full advantage of His opportunity to pray.

Luke 3:21

When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened.

Luke 5:16

And he withdrew himself into the **wilderness**, and **prayed**.

Luke 6:12

Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

**prayer is that one thing
that keeps us connected to heaven!**

Philippians 4:19

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. – *answered prayer*

IT'S AN ONGOING CONVERSATION

1b.) it's productive

v.1

...when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

They Had Come to Understand
that something happened when Jesus prayed.

they enjoyed His power, but where did it come from?
they marveled at His wisdom, but where did it come from?
they were amazed at His miracles, but how did that happen?

Jesus Took Full Advantage of the Opportunity

Luke 9:18

And it happened, as He was alone praying,
that His disciples joined Him...

1c.) it's effective

v.2a

...So Jesus said to them, (1) **When** you pray

Theres a grand assumption here.
the believer will pray!

why should I pray? – it's effective!

Acts 16:25-26

But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, (did I mention that they were in jail) and the prisoners were listening to them. :26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

It's effective!

Luke 9:29

As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered,
and His robe *became white and* glistening.
(this is the single most effective way to bring about change)

Prayer Changes Us.

it can change the situation for sure. but more often
it changes us for the situation

Let's be careful with prayer – to use it.
it's effective and it's our lifeline!

Matthew 6:7

And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do*. For they think that they will be heard for their many words (long prayers).

James 5:14-18

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them **pray** over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. :15 And the **prayer** of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. :16 Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. **The effective**, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. :17

Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he **prayed** earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. :18 And he **prayed** again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

prayer brings us into alignment with God's will.
it's prayer that changes things, because prayer invites God to Intervene.

WHEN A CHRISTIAN PRAYS

2.) It's a much needed union

v.2b

(2) say: Our Father in heaven,

2a.) The Son invites us

v.2

What an Invitation

Galatians 4:6

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

Romans 8:15-16

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." :16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

1 Peter 1:17

And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear;

The Son Brings Us into the Presence of the Father

John 14:13-14

And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. :14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.

John 15:16

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

John 16:23b

...whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

Matthew 21:22

And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

IT'S A MUCH NEEDED UNION

2b.) The Father receives us

v.2

(2) say: **Our** Father in heaven,

Hebrews 7:24-25

But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. :25
Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those **who come to God (Father)**
through Him (the Son), since He always lives to make intercession for them.

In The Actual “Lord’s Prayer”

John 17:9

“I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

Jesus Represents You in Heaven

1 John 2:1

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Luke 22:31-32

And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift *you* as wheat. :32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to *Me*, strengthen your brethren.”

IT'S A MUCH NEEDED UNION

2c.) The Spirit blesses us v.2

(2) say: **Our** Father in heaven,

Galatians 4:4-6

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, :5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. :6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

Ephesians 3:16

that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,

This is Not a Wish, a Hope So, a Dream.
this is a reality – the Lord, He is our God and Father!

No One in All The World Knows This But the Christian

1 John 2:22-23

Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. :23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

WHEN A CHRISTIAN PRAYS

3.) It's a sacred endeavor

v.2

(3) Hallowed be Your name.

**THIS IS AN EXCLAMATION
OF AWARENESS!**

**ALL TRUE PRAYER BEGINS
IN WORSHIP WITH... "HALLOWED"**

"We Honor You, Adore You, Revere You, We're in Awe of You"

this not a mindless “Mantra”

Rather, It's a Known awareness, a Reality in the Life of the Petitioner.

Never was this Prayer to be Recited.

It's a Pattern, a Skeleton, a Frame
to help us create our prayers to the Lord.

This is the Disciples Prayer

~~Lord, Teach us to Preach, to Evangelize, to Teach~~

IT'S A SACRED ENDEAVOR

3a.) We're created for prayer v.2

Genesis 3:8

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day,

man was never intended to live life alone,
- without God.

The Truth Is;

when a man or woman has been recreated by the Holy Spirit,
(the word is Regenerated) or born again, he receives a new nature. this new nature is
observable by the Christian going to pray.

IT'S A SACRED ENDEAVOR

3b.) We're dependent upon prayer

v.2

how much and often do you pray?
that amount declares your dependence!

when a Christian becomes “backslidden”,
no longer walking with the Lord, he’s no longer dependent.

One of the Dumbest Things Satan Has Ever Given Man
has become a powerful lie...

“God helps those who help themselves”
- *signed Satan*

Zephaniah 1:6

Those who have turned back from *following* the LORD,
And have not sought the LORD, nor inquired of Him.”

IT’S A SACRED ENDEAVOR

3c.) We’re revived through prayer

v.2

Psalm 5:1

Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation.

Romans 12:12

rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

There Have Been Times When, Lord has Sent Revival
Among His People.

Its Radical // Dramatic // Undeniable

WHEN A CHRISTIAN PRAYS

4.) It’s a humbling process

v.2

(4) Your **kingdom** come

when we pray,

we can either stand up, or we can sit down, we can kneel down or we can lie down, we can walk, drive, run or crawl...

we can ask Him to magnify His kingdom in our lives, it's a reality anywhere and at any time.

IT'S A HUMBLING PROCESS

4a.) It's to bring about His reign

v.2

Not My Reign, Not Yours. But His and His Alone

we do not believe in creating a utopia or a man-made, God-approved moral kingdom.

when we pray this prayer,

(1)

we're asking for the Lord to be enthroned in the hearts and minds of men.

(2)

secondly, we are asking that He return to this earth to establish His reign.

Imagine a Politician Praying for his Administration to come to an end.

2 Kings 19:15-16

Then the King prayed before the LORD, and said: "O LORD God of Israel, *the One* who dwells *between* the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. :16 Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and see;

IT'S A HUMBLING PROCESS

4b.) It's to usher in His government

v.2

Colossians 3:15

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

The Second Coming of Christ

IT'S A HUMBLING PROCESS

4c.) It's to establish His Lordship

v.2

Praying & Prayer
establishes His Lordship in Our Lives.

EXAMPLE;

YOU CAN'T PRAY WHEN YOU'RE FIGHTING WITH GOD

Sinning Against His Word, The Bible // Sinning Against People, Using People

Sinful Living Translates into a Prayerless Life

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

WHEN A CHRISTIAN PRAYS

5.) It's a certain reality

v.3

(5) Your **will** be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.

IT'S A CERTAIN REALITY

5a.) When His love comes down

(5) Your **will** be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.

God's Will is God's Heart.

There could be nothing better than God's will
to be done in your life and mine.

love come down = Acts 12:5

Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer
was offered to God for him by the church.

every time the Lord answers a prayer,
love comes down from heaven

IT'S A CERTAIN REALITY

5b.) When we determine to obey v.2

(5) Your **will** be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.

Ezra 10:1

Now while Ezra was praying, and while he was confessing, weeping, and bowing down
before the house of God, a very large assembly of men, women, and children gathered
to him from Israel; for the people wept very bitterly.

Jonah 1:17-2:1-2

Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the
belly of the fish three days and three nights. :1 Then Jonah **prayed** unto the LORD his
God out of the fish's belly, :2 And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the
LORD, (I PRAYED) and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest
my voice.

5c.) When man sees His return

(5) Your **will** be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.

**Can You Say Right Now
That Your Greatest Desire is to See God's Will Done in Your Life –
I'm Speaking to the Christian Only**

The Answer to That Question Reveals All

- are you hungry for more of the Lord in your life?
- are you filled with more of yourself?
- are you thinking you're a Christian?
- are you deceived and not even knowing the difference?

Isaiah 59:1-2

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy,
That it cannot hear. :2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your
sins have hidden *His* face from you, So that He will not hear.

Do You Want To See God's Hand Again?

Daniel 9:3

Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications,
with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

America is Danger - and it's heading for more of it!

It's Time To Ask The Question

What's In It For Me?

This is What's In It for You

**THEY LEARNED WELL THEIR LESSON
ON PRAYER, THEY CAUGHT IT...**

End of Study

