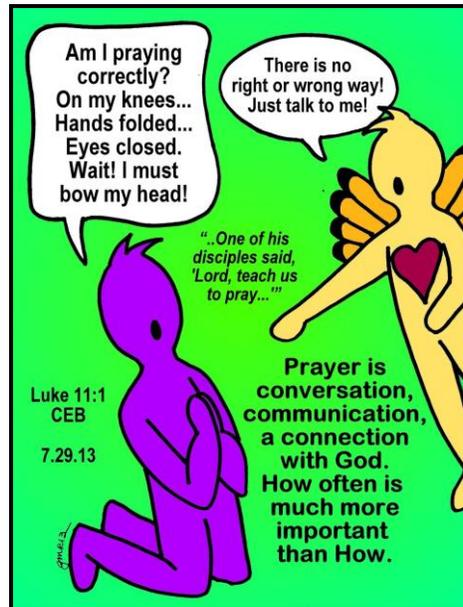


WINTER QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2014

THEME: COME LET US ADORE CHRIST THE KING IN WORSHIP, PRAYER, AND STEWARDSHIP

Unit II – Worshipping Christ Through the Model of Prayer

“CHRIST’S MODEL FOR PRAYER”



Sunday School Lesson No. V – January 4, 2015 Presented by Rev. Frank A. Davis, III, Pastor-Teacher

Lesson Text: Luke 11:1-13

Motto Text: Luke 11:2, “*And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.*”

Required Reading: Luke 11

Reliable Resources: Outline Bible (H. L. Willmington); Standard Lesson Commentary; Word Search 10 Electronic Library; Life Application Bible (NIV); Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Logos Bible Software; Precepts for Living, UMI

LESSON INTRODUCTION

Beloved, as we enter into a new year, I am glad we will enter it with our Lord Jesus Christ in the “prayer room.” There is an old Negro gospel song that says, “Come on in the room, Jesus is my doctor, He writes all of my prescriptions, He gives me all of my medicine in the prayer room.” Beloved, what better place to begin a new year than in “the prayer room!”

If it was one thing Jesus Christ did well as He led by example, it was pray. Men and women talk about prayer and sing about prayer, but Jesus Christ is our true model of prayer. From Luke’s gospel account we notice, according to the Standard Lesson Commentary: “The preeminent prayer-person in the Gospel of Luke is Jesus himself. Jesus prayed at His baptism (Luke 3:21), before the choosing of the 12 disciples (6:12), at the time of Peter’s confession (9:18-20), on the Mount of Transfiguration (9:28-29), as a motivation for cleansing the temple (19:45-46), and during His agony in the garden (22:41).” Jesus even prayed on Calvary’s cross.

Beloved, what lessons can you and I learn from the model Christ’s life illustrated through prayer? Let us present our **Anticipated Power Points** for the lesson and further examine our lesson entitled, “**Christ’s Model for Prayer.**”

- **Prayer’s Pattern.** Luke 11:1-4
- **Prayer’s Persistence.** Luke 11:5-10
- **Prayer’s Provisions.** Luke 11:11-13

“Christ’s Model for Prayer”

LESSON OUTLINE

I. Prayer's Pattern. Luke 11:1-4

A. The dutiful practice of prayer. vs. 1

It is without quarrel that Jesus' disciples knew something of prayer from their Jewish heritage. But I believe that being in the presence of the Son of God and the great influence He presented made even a strong saint feel as anemic as an infant. Therefore, we hear one of Jesus disciples make a sincere request, "...*Lord, teach us to pray...*" In other words, teach us to be able to pray in such a way that we will have positive results and confidence as you! That we will not pray weakly or wavering but with full assurance. In other words, how to dutifully practice praying.

B. The direction of our prayers. vs. 2

Direct our prayers to our Father in Heaven. Not for any direction but looking in our spirits toward Heaven. Psalm 121:1-2 declares, "*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills...*" This causes a petitioner of the Almighty to look up in his soul and expectation.

C. The determination of our prayers. vs. 2

To maintain the holiness of God. Not to take lightly or frivolously His Holy Name. Exodus 20:7 reveals, "...*for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.*" I am afraid that the holy name of our Lord is used in too many incorrect and debasing ways. We must remember to keep it holy.

D. The dominion of prayer. vs. 2

"*Thy kingdom come.*" meaning, let God's rule be established. "*Thy will be done.*" When we pray, it really helps to know the Word of God, for it will truly help us to discern the will of God. Prayers are not for our wills to be superimposed over the will of God, but for our wills to be conformed to the will of God.

E. The daily dependence of prayer. vs. 3

We live our lives out of the great hand of the Lord. "Anything we have above nothing, God gave it to us." (Dr. Grady Welch)

F. The debt of prayer. vs. 4a

This is a conditional request. As we seek God's forgiveness, we must be willing to totally forgive others.

G. The deliverance of prayer. vs. 4b

Truly we need God's deliverance and He alone is able. Life is filled with temptations (I Pet. 5:8; Eph. 3:20; Jude 24-25). Thank God that He is our most able deliverer.

II. Prayer's Persistence. Luke 11:5-10

Read the little parable and learn this valuable lesson: Our God is much more dependable than a neighbor or friend. Why? Because He never slumbers or sleeps. He never gives up on us. He is always concerned.

Persistence in prayer keeps us as believers on our toes, so we will always remember from where our help comes. "*My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.*" (Prov. 121:2). When we look at the word "importunity", it expresses "shamelessness." We should not be ashamed to approach our God and Father with anything, because He is our Father and can be totally trusted to be holy, righteous, and just. He will never let a mere human being excel His amazing grace.

III. Prayer's Provision. Luke 11:11-13

This is summarized by continual communion with the Father, not just when we have an emergency. God is more than an insurance policy in the time of trouble. He's like the Eveready Bunny...He keeps going and going and going. So beloved, don't forget the acronym for success in prayer:

Ask

Seek

Knock

Why? Because God is able and willing to meet our needs.

CLOSING

"*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.*" Ephesians 1:3. Herein lies Christ's Model for Prayer.

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