

Tutelage of Prayer

Luke 11:1-13

1. The Request (vs. 2-4)

2 Primary Elements:

- His sovereignty (vs. 2)
- Our surrender (vs. 3-4)

2. The Illustration (vs. 5-8)

"True prayer is based on sonship and not friendship. This is not a parable teaching 'persistence in prayer' (although that is an important factor) but the willingness of God to care for His own. If a weary, stubborn neighbor finally helps his friend, how much more will a loving Heavenly Father (who never sleeps) meet the needs of His own children!"

-W. Wiersbe

3. The Lesson (vs. 9-12)

"Ask" – Inquire

"Seek" – Investigate

"Knock" – Intensity

We have a Father who is sympathetic and a King who can supply.

4. The Point (vs. 13)

"Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance but laying hold of His willingness."

-M. Luther

Take Home Truths

1. Can you be alone? (Mark 1:35)
2. Are you seeking God? (Jeremiah 29:13)
3. Will you be diligent and deliberate in prayer? (Colossians 4:2)

"To be preoccupied with getting theological knowledge is an end in itself; to approach Bible study with no higher motive than a desire to know all the answers is the direct route to a state of self-satisfied self-deception."

-J.I. Packer