

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sermon: Call Your Father

Passage: Luke 11:1-13 (ESV)

Illustration:

Need: Jesus instructs believers on how to pray, how much to pray, and what to expect from prayer.

I. A model to follow (11:1-4)

- Communication to the God who is our personal, intimate Father.
- For the purpose of His glory in our life.
- Desiring His will to be accomplished above and beyond any others.
- Asking for what we need that always comes from Him.
- Confessing our need for constant forgiveness for sins.
- Releasing others for how they offend us through forgiveness.
- Seeking deliverance/protection from temptation.

II. A parable for persistence (11:5-8)

- Persistence in prayer demonstrates our commitment to the need.
- God is not like the grumpy neighbor, He is good and pleased and able to meet what is needed.

III. A promise of provision (11:9-13)

- 3 Imperatives (Ask, Seek, Knock) followed by 3 indicative verb results = basically a guarantee. "If only you ask, then you will certainly find" (Jer. 29:12-13; James 4:2)
- To explain what we can certainly expect to receive from God, Jesus illustrates how even a sinful father gives good gifts to his children.
- God will always give us what is good and best even if it is not what we asked Him for.
- The greatest gift that God gives His children is His eternal presence with us - the Holy Spirit. (Ezekiel 36:27; Joel 2:28-29; Acts 2:1-13)

IV. Application

- Let's decide to pray more this week. This is a powerful arena of spiritual warfare.
- Let's pray believing that God is our loving, good Father that hears us and will certainly answer.
- Let's be commit to being persistent in our requests for our needs and the needs of others.
- Let's be confident that God will always give us the right and best answer at just the right time.
- Let's thank God in advance for His faithful provision even before it comes, whatever it is, however and whenever it comes.