

# 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  
Revelation 17:14 & 19:16.
- (D) *Thy will be done* – Psalms 143:10, 1 John 2:17 & 5:14.
- V: 3** *Give us daily bread* – Psalms 136:25, 145:15-16.
- 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**

**Luke 11:9-13**

- 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!

**V: 13** How much more? Hebrews 4:14-16.

## **GREED**

### **Luke 12:13-15**

**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: 20** The immortal soul of man – Ecclesiastes 12:7 & Hebrews 9:27.

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

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