



The Book of Luke 2Q 2015 Lesson 7 Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and Prayer

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." Luke 11:9, 10

First paragraph, pg 85 "Of the three synoptic Gospels, Luke speaks more often than do the others about Jesus' relationship to the Holy Spirit. While Matthew refers to the Spirit 12 times and Mark does so 6 times, Luke has 17 references in his Gospel and 57 in the book of Acts. From the conception of Jesus into humanity (Luke 1:35) to the directive establishing His global mission (Luke 24:44-49), Luke sees an operational link between Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The link is basic to understanding the ministry of our Savior. Likewise, Luke shows the importance of prayer in Jesus' life and mission. Fully divine, equal with the Father and the Spirit, Jesus in His humanity left us an example in regard to prayer."

- Why?
- Because He thought He was supposed to leave us a pattern?
- Was Jesus just play acting?
- Jesus called Himself the Son of Man (the human)
- Or, did he really have to maintain a connection with God to live His life successfully?
- He had to pray and maintain a connection with God the Father and the Holy Spirit because He was human. And that is how humans were created to function.
- If He needed to maintain a constant connection, we do too. He showed us what it truly is to be human.
- When we get to heaven in the earth made new, we will still be communing with our Father, Brother and Holy Spirit because that is how we are made.
- Our prayer life is learning to commune with God and becoming one in purpose, principle and motive with Him.

Second paragraph, pg 85 "If Jesus saw the need for prayer, how much more must we need it?"

- Do we need prayer and the Holy Spirit more than Christ did?
 - If so, why?
 - What is the difference?
 - If Jesus had an advantage, is the expectation of victorious Christian living a false hope?
- Look at Lesson 6 (last week's lesson): Monday - May 4
 - In the highlighted section at the bottom of the page it is referencing the two stories for that day's lesson: The story of the resurrection of the man at Nain and the story of Jairus daughter being raised from the dead.



- It says: “In these stories, it was the power of Jesus’ words that brought a dead son back to his mother and a dead daughter back to her father.”
- It was the power of God, the embodiment of Life. It wasn’t magic words. “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.” John 11:25, 26

MONDAY

The Prayer Life of Jesus

It lists 6 prayers of Christ for illustration

Baptism (Luke 3:21)

Before choosing His 12 Disciples (Luke 6:12, 13)

- Luke 5:27 call of Matthew
- Luke 5:29 Matthew’s feast for friends
- Luke 6:12, 13 Prayer of selection

Prayed for his disciples (Luke 9:18)

Before the transfiguration (Luke 9:28-36)

In Gethsemane (Luke 22:39-46)

Commission of His life on the cross (Luke 23:46)

What other prayers of Christ would you choose to illustrate Christ’s prayer life?

What does each instance say about

- God
- humanity?

My list

- John 17 (on the way to the garden)
- Luke 11:2 (“Lord’s prayer”)
- John 11:41, 42 (at the raising of Lazarus)
- John 12:28 at the last feast of Passover, Christ said, “Father, glorify Your name.”

If Jesus did not use any power that his followers cannot use, then were not all of his miracles a form of prayer?

Are we too busy to pray?

- No other life was ever so crowded with labor and responsibility as was that of Jesus; yet how often He was found in prayer! How constant was His communion with God! Again and again in the history of His earthly life are found records such as these: “Rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.” “Great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. And He withdrew Himself into the wilderness, and prayed.” “And it came to pass in those days, that



He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.” Mark 1:35;
Luke 5:15, 16; 6:12. {DA 362.3}

SUNDAY

Jesus and the Holy Spirit

Luke’s discussion of Christ and the Holy Spirit is much more widespread than the other gospels.

Could it be that the Holy Spirit was much more evident in the events of his other book, The Acts of the Apostles, and there was a connection there.

Paragraph #3: “The Spirit that ever linked Christ to His Father and the redemptive mission is the same Spirit that would strengthen the disciples in their journey of faith. Hence, the crucial importance of the Spirit in Christian life:”

“Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is the gravest of all sins (Luke 12:10)

- Why?
- There have been several instances in which someone commits a very public suicide. In so doing, some individuals have been noted to turn off the two-way communication system to their base. The only communication for reversal of their path has been cut off. There is no hope at that point.

TUESDAY

The Model Prayer: Part 1

The model prayer Luke 11:1-4

- Father
- Hallowed be your name
- Your kingdom come
- Give us each day our daily bread
- Forgive us our sins
 - For we have a forgiving spirit and have forgiven
- Lead us not into temptation

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

- How is that done?
- Natural obedience
 - Law as a new concept to angels

“Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:10.

The will of God is expressed in the precepts of His holy law, and the principles of this law are the principles of heaven. The angels of heaven attain unto no higher knowledge than to know the will of God, and to do His will is the highest service that can engage their powers.



But in heaven, service is not rendered in the spirit of legality. When Satan rebelled against the law of Jehovah, the thought that there was a law came to the angels almost as an awakening to something unthought of. In their ministry the angels are not as servants, but as sons. There is perfect unity between them and their Creator. Obedience is to them no drudgery. Love for God makes their service a joy. So in every soul wherein Christ, the hope of glory, dwells, His words are re-echoed, "I delight to do Thy will, O My God: yea, Thy law is within My heart." Psalm 40:8. {Pr 294.4}

The petition, "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven," is a prayer that the reign of evil on this earth may be ended, that sin may be forever destroyed, and the kingdom of righteousness be established. Then in earth as in heaven will be fulfilled "all the good pleasure of His goodness." 2 Thessalonians 1:11.

WEDNESDAY

The Model Prayer: Part 2

"Give us day by day our daily bread"

- Daily dependence upon God
- God as our creator and sustainer

"Forgive us our sins"

- God's forgiveness is not merely a judicial act by which He sets us free from condemnation. It is not only forgiveness for sin, but reclaiming from sin. It is the outflow of redeeming love that transforms the heart" TMB pg 114

Read Luke 11:9-13 out loud from Amplified Version.

9 So I say to you, Ask and keep on asking and it shall be given you; seek and keep on seeking and you shall find; knock and keep on knocking and the door shall be opened to you.

10 For everyone who asks and keeps on asking receives; and he who seeks and keeps on seeking finds; and to him who knocks and keeps on knocking, the door shall be opened.

11 What father among you, if his son asks for a loaf of bread, will give him a stone; or if he asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

13 If you then, evil as you are, know how to give good gifts [gifts that are to their advantage] to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask and continue to ask Him!

THURSDAY

More Lessons on Prayer

Parable of Friend at Midnight

Second paragraph - "Prayer is the breath of the soul"



Excellent analogy

Second paragraph, last sentence

- “Such persistence is not to change God’s mind but to strengthen our trust.”
- Does persistent begging increase your trust?
- Don’t try this with someone you care about?
- Then why with God?
- Then is this begging? There must be something different in how we pray than how we often approach our petitions in prayer.
- It changes us, how?

Bottom half of page is the parable about the Pharisee and the Tax Collector at church praying.

- Why do people have to make themselves look good to God?
 - (He knows us and what we are like)
- We do not trust Him to be good

FRIDAY

Further Study

Read the first passage from Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing p 85

Teachers edition

Pg 96: The model prayer: the Lord’s Prayer recognizes the centrality of God. A prayer must begin there; otherwise, it ceases to be one. The prayer also take note of us - we are the other end of Prayer’s connecting link.

- For what purpose? It is for others.
- We are in the middle. A waypoint of God’s grace to others. Our prayers are not for us, but for us to help others.
- “In Christ the cry of humanity reached the Father of infinite pity. As a man He supplicated the throne of God till His humanity was charged with a heavenly current that should connect humanity with divinity. Through continual communion He received life from God, that He might impart life to the world. His experience is to be ours.” DA 363

A verse sent out to the Deaconesses this week

- 1 Corinthians 15:58 New Living Translation “So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.”



Additional References

To the consecrated worker there is wonderful consolation in the knowledge that even Christ during His life on earth sought His Father daily for fresh supplies of needed grace; and from this communion with God He went forth to strengthen and bless others. Behold the Son of God bowed in prayer to His Father! Though He is the Son of God, He strengthens His faith by prayer, and by communion with heaven gathers to Himself power to resist evil and to minister to the needs of men. As the Elder Brother of our race He knows the necessities of those who, compassed with infirmity and living in a world of sin and temptation, still desire to serve Him. He knows that the messengers whom He sees fit to send are weak, erring men; but to all who give themselves wholly to His service He promises divine aid. His own example is an assurance that earnest, persevering supplication to God in faith—faith that leads to entire dependence upon God, and unreserved consecration to His work—will avail to bring to men the Holy Spirit’s aid in the battle against sin. {AA 56.1}

Every worker who follows the example of Christ will be prepared to receive and use the power that God has promised to His church for the ripening of earth’s harvest. Morning by morning, as the heralds of the gospel kneel before the Lord and renew their vows of consecration to Him, He will grant them the presence of His Spirit, with its reviving, sanctifying power. As they go forth to the day’s duties, they have the assurance that the unseen agency of the Holy Spirit enables them to be “laborers together with God.”

Our Saviour showed perfect confidence that His heavenly Father would not suffer Him to be tempted above what He should give Him strength to endure, but would bring Him off conqueror if He patiently bore the test to which He was subjected. Christ had not of His own will placed Himself in danger. God had suffered Satan for the time being to have this power over His Son. Jesus knew that if He preserved His integrity in this extremely trying position an angel of God would be sent to relieve Him if there was no other way. He had taken humanity and was the representative of the race. {Con 51.2}