



The Lord's Prayer Luke 11

February 24

OVERVIEW: [Luke, pt. II](#)

CONTEXT: Luke is writing to Theophilus an “orderly account” to strengthen his faith (and anyone else who may read it). He also has a message: that Jesus is the fulfilment of the big story of God’s promises to Israel. Jesus is the King who would rescue His people from their sin through what would soon transpire in Jerusalem. From the end of ch.9 Jesus strikes out on the road to Jerusalem. Along the way He offers many teachings, including on prayer.

FIRST, A.M. SERMON RECAP (Doug Harkness, Take Out Your Bibles, John 7:40 - 8:11)

- How can you know if something isn’t in the Bible or be discerning in what false teaching is (1 Ti 6:3)
- For what were the Bereans commended in Acts 7:11?
- Why is a written Scripture of importance (Dt 4:2, 12:32)?
- What is the orality movement?
- Why is Biblical literacy so important?

REVIEW: Lk 11:1–13

QUESTIONS:

1. **What is prayer? Why is it important?**
2. **Share a time when you learned a new skill.**
3. **V. 1- Have you ever thought of prayer as a learned skill? What can we do to learn this art?**
4. In what ways is the Lord’s Prayer helpful (i.e. as a corporate prayer, a pattern for prayer, etc)?
5. **What significance is there in the order and content of this prayer? How do they orient us to what we ought to emphasize in prayer? Take time to walk through each part.**
6. How are these things deeply personal vs. merely abstract?

7. How is the prayer in Luke different than in Matthew 6:9–13? How are both of these different than the prayer we often pray?
8. *What follows in vv. 5–12 are a series of stories about prayer.* What do they teach us and about God, about prayer?
 1. Vv. 5–8: _____
 - i. *Help: Having nothing to provide for guests was inhospitable in Jesus’ day (and no 24 hour stores either!). The visitor risked awakening the entire family of his neighbour.*
 2. Vv. 9–10: _____
 - i. *Help: the command to ask (pray), seek, knock are pleas for God’s mercy (see above), which according to His wisdom He will always grant.*
 3. Vv. 11–12: _____
 - i. *Help: fish and bread were common foods and serpents and scorpions common dangers.*
 4. V. 13a: _____
 - i. *Help: The Bible puts forward mankind as evil (Mk 10:18b). What ultimate help do we then need?*
9. V. 13b- Sometimes we can treat God like a great big vending machine, yet what does this verse reveal as our single greatest need from Him? (and indeed the ultimate point of vv. 5–13a).
 - i. See also: **Jn 16:4b–15**

NEXT TIME: March 3, John 11, Lazarus