

Asking

I. Teach Us to Pray

- A. Luke 11:1-4
- B. The prayer that Jesus gave them was a model or an example.
- C. It was not a prayer to just be repeated over and again.
- D. It shows some important points.
 - 1. Honor the Father
 - 2. Daily Needs
 - 3. Forgiveness
 - 4. Protection

II. The Parable

- A. Luke 11:5-6 – A friend comes at midnight to ask for something for someone staying with them.
- B. Luke 11:7 – The correct answer here is no.
- C. Luke 11:8 – The friend will give what is needed out of impudence.
- D. The could mean persistence. It could also point to the one's lack of respect being met with respect.

III. Ask

- A. Luke 11:9-10 – Jesus follows the parable with the encouragement to ask, seek, knock.
- B. Luke 11:11-12 – We do not expect a simple request to be met with something opposite of what we asked.
- C. Luke 11:13 – How much better at giving will God be than us?
- D. So if a persistent friend can get us up at midnight, what can God do for those who ask?

IV. Conclusion

- A. Jesus gives us a framework for prayer.
- B. The parable points to what humans will do for one another even at midnight.
- C. We should boldly go before God and ask, seek, and knock.
- D. The Father knows how to care for us.