

"There is something in us from God that knows we are not alone in the universe."

– George Herbert (1593-1633)

divinitatis sensum = capacity of human beings to perceive God

Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen...

Luke 11 – Jesus' master class on prayer

➤ **The Content of Prayer** (v. 2-4)

Luke 11:2

He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father..."

"Implant in our hearts a comforting trust in Your fatherly love." – Martin Luther

"The character of prayer is determined by the character of the God we are reaching toward. The God to whom Christians pray is a triune God. We can pray because God is our loving Father, because Christ is our mediator giving us access to the throne of the universe, and because the Spirit himself indwells us." – Tim Keller

"A low view of God is the cause of a hundred lesser evils. A high view of God is the solution to ten thousand temporal problems." – A.W. Tozer

➤ **The Attitude of Prayer** (v. 5-8)

Luke 11:8

"...yet because of the man's persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs."

Not giving up when our prayers aren't answered when/how we expected.

➤ **The Experience of Prayer** (v. 9-10)

Luke 11:9-10

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

receiving, finding, doors opening = normal experience of prayer

➤ **The Heart of God for Us in Prayer** (v. 11-13)

Luke 11:11-13

11 "You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? 12 Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! 13 So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."

"You must have this confidence when you pray: that God will give you whatever you would have asked for if you knew everything He knows." – Tim Keller

➤ **The Power Encounter of Prayer (v. 14-28)**

Luke 11:20-22

20 But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you. 21 "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. 22 But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils.

We live spiritually aware that there is a battle taking place that is largely unseen. AND, we keep the gaze of our hearts aligned with Jesus—"Our Father who art in heaven...".



**Tim Doyle
(1961-2024)**