

BEGINNING ANEW IN PRAYER

Luke 11:1-13

INTRODUCTION: Sadly most of us don't realize how honored we are to have the privilege of access to the very God of all creation through the simple act of prayer! So often in any area of Christian discipline when we lose our way, the way back is to go back to the basics. Today we will look at our Lord's "Model Prayer" and see how to begin anew with our God in prayer. If we are going to become godly Christians we are going to have to become people of prayer. The disciples watched the strength of our Lord in His daily walk and realized how key prayer was to His walk: Luke 11:1; Psalm 65:2.

I. WE MUST PRAY CONSISTENTLY!

Our Lord certainly set the example of a consistent prayer life: Luke 11:1. Our Lord made prayer a main priority of His life: Mark 1:35. So many today neglect the very thing that Jesus saw as most necessary to a consistent walk with His Father. We need to pick a place and set a time to meet with our God!

II. WE MUST LEARN TO PRAY JESUS WAY!

Isn't it interesting that His disciples would ask the Lord to teach them to pray? Jesus taught His disciples a model prayer. Jesus said start out your prayer time praising God the Father: Luke 11:2. We need to take time at the beginning of our prayer time to just tell God how awesome He is and how thankful we are for all He has done for us: Psalm 50:23. Then Jesus said we need to repent of our sins: Hebrews 4:15; Luke 11:4. We need to admit our sins and our shortcoming to God and ask for His forgiveness. Sin in our lives creates a barrier between us and our God: Isaiah 59:1-2. We need to pray for ourselves and for others: Luke 11:3. We must yield ourselves to our Father's will: Luke 11:2. Our prayer should not be to get our will done but to see God's will completed in us and through us: Luke 22:42.

III. WE MUST PRAY CONTINUALLY!

Jesus is the Master Teacher. He gives the pattern and then He moves to the practical application of it: Luke 11:5-10. What Jesus is saying here is that we must pray continually and passionately: 1 Thessalonians 5:17; James 5:16.

IV. WE MUST PRAY CONFIDENTLY!

Our Lord Jesus said: Matthew 21:22. We need to pray in expectation. Luke 11:11-13. We each must learn from our Lord the power He can unleash in our lives as we come to our times of prayer with Him consistently, correctly, continually and confidently! We, just like the early disciples cannot do this on our own. We also must come to our Lord asking Him to teach us to pray.