

SEEKING HIM

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Luke 11:3

According to Graham Scroggie – “Luke’s Gospel has more emphasis on prayer than any other Gospel. In fact, Luke has been called the ‘Gospel of Prayer’ because of his emphasis, not only on our need to pray, but also on Jesus’ prayer life. Nine times Luke tells of prayers that Jesus offered in the crises of His life, and seven of these are unique to Luke.” In Luke 11, Jesus’ disciples asked Him to teach them to pray. Jesus responded by providing a pattern for prayer. Last week, we learned that to seek the Father, you must seek Him in prayer. Turning our attention to Luke 11:3, we see that this “model prayer” can be divided into two clear sections with three petitions each:

SECTION 1	SECTION 2
The focus is on God	The focus is on us
The end for which men live: - the glory/dominion/service of the creator	The means by which we live: - John 6:38/Matthew 6:33
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• His name – God’s character• His kingdom – sovereign rule• His Will – God’s plan executed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily bread/present• Forgive us/past• Lead us/future ^[1]

In verse 3, the prayer shifts from a God-ward focus to a man-ward focus. Jesus taught that when we pray, we are to express our dependance on God and faith in Him.

KEY THOUGHT: Prayer expresses continual dependence on God and our faith in Him.

(Psalm 50:15, Psalm 65:2, Psalm 10:17, Psalm 19:14; Romans 8:26–27; Jude 20)

- **Daily prayer expresses our continual dependence on the Lord – “Give us”**
- **Daily prayer exercises faith in the Lord – “each day”** (Psalm 37:3-4; 1 Timothy 5:8)
- **Daily prayer helps you experience contentment – “daily bread”**
(Exodus 20:17; Proverbs 30:7–9; Matthew 6:25, 32–33; Philippians 4:12–13)

^[1] Zodiahtes, Spiros, “The Lord’s Prayer”, p. 177)

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Martyn Lloyd-Jones

“Prayer is beyond any question the highest activity of the human soul. Man is at his greatest and highest when, upon his knees, he comes face to face with God.” “Of all of the blessings of a Christian’s salvation, none is greater than this. We have access to God in prayer.” (Studies in the Sermon on the Mount)

“With Christ in the School of Prayer” by Andrew Murray (page 9)

Blessed Lord! Who ever lives to pray, You can teach me to pray, me to ever live to pray. In this You love to make me share Your glory in heaven, that I should pray without ceasing, and ever stand as a priest in the presence of my God.

Lord Jesus! I ask You this day to enroll my name among those who confess that they do not know how to pray as they ought, and specially ask You for a course in teaching in prayer. Lord! Teach me to wait with You in the school and give You time to train me. May a deep sense of my ignorance, the wonderful privilege and power of prayer, of the need of the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of prayer, lead me to cast away my thoughts of what I think I know, and make me kneel before You in true teachableness and poverty of spirit.

And fill me, Lord, with the confidence that with a teacher like You I shall learn to pray. In the assurance that I have as my teacher, Jesus, who is ever praying to the Father, and by His prayer rules the destinies of His Church and the world, I will not be afraid. As much as I need to know of the mysteries of the prayer-world, You will fold for me. And when I may not know, You will teach me to be strong in faith, giving glory to God.

Blessed Lord! You will not put to shame Your student who trusts You, nor, by Your grace, would he put You to shame either. Amen.

TAKE AWAY

I have learned from this passage:

1. God, I desire Your sovereign rule to be fully realized on earth and in my life!
2. God, I long for my will to conform to Your eternal purposes.
3. God, I am totally dependent on You, and I am content with whatever You choose to provide for me each day.