



Day 11 Persistence in Prayer

11 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

--Luke 11

18 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:

3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.

7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

--Luke 18

Persistence in prayer is essential. Think of a father with a young child. The child may ask for many things. It would not make sense for the father to give those things immediately. Some things, like food, may come right away. But some things, the father would want the child to spend some effort to obtain. The things obtained with no effort are not appreciated. Take for example public housing. It is given to people for little or no effort. But then is it appreciated? No, it is treated with scorn, not cared for.

Day 11 Prayer

Father, please gird up my loins with the truth. Thank you for this truth that when we come to you, you will answer our prayers. Please protect me this day with your truth.

Lord, please forgive me of my sins and clothe me with Jesus' breastplate of righteousness. Forgive me if I ask amiss when I pray, and please lead me so that my desires are aligned with your will.

Today, please help my feet to be shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. I ask you to move mightily through me today, prepare me, equip me for the work of evangelism.

Father, help me to take up the shield of faith. Lord, I trust in you that your word is true, that you are the God who created me, that you are the God who hears my prayers and answers in your own good will. I trust that you mean only good for me and not evil.

Please help me to put on the helmet of salvation. Thank you so much for sending your Son to pay the penalty for my sins on the cross. Please help me to be persistent in praising his name.

Father, help me take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Bring to mind your words today as they are needed, for me, and for those whom I speak to. Let your word cut deeply in me and in those who hear your Gospel message.