

The Disciple's Prayer

Luke 11:1-4 Sunday AM, September 21, 2025

Prelude – Scripture: Luke 10:38-11:4 (NASB95) Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me." 41 But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; 42 but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her." 1 It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples." 2 And He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. 3 'Give us each day our daily bread. 4 'And forgive us our sins, For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into

temptation.'" Two weeks ago, a lawyer tests Jesus, saying **"Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"** Jesus used the Law and deeds to expose this man's heart. Keep the greatest two commandments, and you will have eternal life. Wishing to justify himself, **"he said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'"** Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan crossing all expectations for fellowship with God when it comes to loving your neighbor. Mercy and compassion in the face of injustices and other barriers. Sobering as we must consider what our interactions with others show about our understanding of the love of God, whether we truly value fellowship with God, and whether we truly need God's Spirit to obey Him. Last week, this was exposed through service FOR Jesus. **"Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; 42 but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."** Where does your service FOR Jesus distract you from Jesus Himself—from hearing Him, from knowing Him? As we begin this morning, ask God to clear away what is between you and sitting at His feet and learning of Him. Learn now because true worshippers grow in seeing the incomparable nature of God. Look to the One on the highest throne.

***Hymn (Powerpoint): There is a Higher Throne**

1 It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples." Jesus habitual prayers elicited not merely observation, but hunger. I want that. Lord, teach us to pray. Where does His lesson start? **2 And He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come** It starts with God and His holy character—so holy that anything less than His kingdom advancing is unholy. Do you believe this? It won't just happen. It takes intention. Perhaps you need to start by observing. Who around you prays? What do their prayers tell you about God, His will, and relationship with God? Watch, read God's word, meditate, then humbly come before God. Take time to be holy.

***Hymn #441: Take Time to Be Holy**

***Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Jahn Choir: He's Always Been Faithful Scripture: 2 Chronicles 6:12–7:3** (NASB95) Then he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands. 13 Now Solomon had made a bronze platform, five cubits long, five cubits wide and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and he stood on it, knelt on his knees in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven. 14 He said, "O LORD, the God of Israel, there is no god like You in heaven or on earth, keeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to Your servants who walk before You with all their heart; 15 who has kept with Your servant David, my father, that which You have promised him; indeed You have spoken with Your mouth and have fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day. 16 "Now therefore, O LORD, the God of Israel, keep with Your servant David, my father, that which You have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your sons take heed to their way, to walk in My law as you have walked before Me.' 17 "Now therefore, O LORD, the God of Israel, let Your word be confirmed which You have spoken to Your servant David. 18 "But will God indeed dwell with mankind on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You; how much less this house which I have built. 19 "Yet have regard to the prayer of Your servant and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which Your servant prays before You; 20 that Your eye may be open toward this house day and night, toward the place of which You have said that You would put Your name there, to listen to the prayer which Your servant shall pray toward this place. 21 "Listen to the supplications of Your servant and of Your people Israel when they pray toward this place; hear from Your dwelling place, from heaven; hear and forgive. 22 "If a man sins against his neighbor and is made to take an oath, and he comes and takes an oath before Your altar in this house, 23 then hear from heaven and act and judge Your servants, punishing the wicked by bringing his way on his own head and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness. 24 "If Your people Israel are defeated before an enemy because they have sinned against You, and they return to You and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication before You in this house, 25 then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them back to the land which You have given to them and to their fathers. 26 "When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against You, and they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and turn from their sin when You afflict them; 27 then hear in heaven and forgive the sin of Your servants and Your people Israel, indeed, teach them the good way in which they should walk. And send rain on Your land which You have given to Your people for an inheritance. 28 "If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blight or mildew, if there is locust or grasshopper, if their enemies besiege them in the land of their cities, whatever plague or whatever sickness there is, 29 whatever prayer or supplication is made by any man or by all Your people Israel, each knowing his own affliction and his own pain, and spreading his hands toward this house, 30 then hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and render to each according to all his ways, whose heart You know for You alone know the hearts of the sons of men, 31 that they may fear You, to walk in Your ways as long as they live in the land which You have given to our fathers. 32 "Also concerning the foreigner who is not from Your people Israel, when he comes from a far country for Your great name's sake and Your mighty hand and Your outstretched arm, when they come and pray toward this house, 33 then hear from heaven, from Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know Your name, and fear You as do Your people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by Your name. 34 "When Your people go out to battle against their enemies, by whatever way You shall send them, and they pray to You toward this city which You have chosen and the house which I have built for Your name, 35 then hear from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause. 36 "When they sin against You (for there is no man who does not sin) and You are angry with them and deliver them to an enemy, so that they take them away captive to a land far off or near, 37 if they take thought in the land where they are taken captive, and repent and make supplication to You in the land of their captivity, saying, 'We have sinned, we have committed iniquity and have acted wickedly'; 38 if they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have been taken captive, and pray toward their land which You have given to their fathers and the city which You have chosen, and toward the house which I have built for Your name, 39 then hear from heaven, from Your dwelling place, their prayer and supplications, and maintain their cause and forgive Your people who have sinned against You. 40 "Now, O my God, I pray, let Your eyes be open and Your ears attentive to the prayer offered in this place. 41 "Now therefore arise, O LORD God, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your might; let Your priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation and let Your godly ones rejoice in what is good. 42 "O LORD God, do not turn away the face of Your anointed; remember Your lovingkindness to Your servant David." 1 Now when Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the house. 2 The priests could not enter into the house of the LORD because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD'S house. 3 All the sons of Israel, seeing the fire come down and the glory of the LORD upon the house, bowed down on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave praise to the LORD, saying, "Truly He is good, truly His lovingkindness is everlasting."

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Hallowed be Your name. When God is in His place, all we need comes from His hand. **3 'Give us each day our daily bread.** We work to provide, but He enables. **4 'And forgive us our sins, For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.** We seek to do right, but we are never right enough. Do you feel the gulf between you and God? The more you do, the more amazement that God can justly pardon. If you aren't amazed that God can forgive you, remember the tie between His forgiveness and forgiving those who sin against you. Don't forgive, God won't forgive you. Fenced in by God's commands, we see our need for a foreign righteousness and provision to be like our holy God. This is the hope of the Gospel. Sing the response of those justified by faith in Christ.

***Hymn #338: At Calvary**

Hallowed by Your name. God IS worthy to be praised. Did you hear all included in Solomon's sacrifice of praise and petition? **"Listen to the supplications of Your servant and of Your people Israel when they pray toward this place; hear from Your dwelling place, from heaven; hear and forgive.** Asking God to hear WHEN plague comes, WHEN they disobey and repent, when they have been sent away from their country because of their disobedience, God hear not just us, but the foreigner who prays to You. God hear and forgive. Why all the mention of forgiving? Because God is holy and we are not. Don't ever forget this, especially when you believe you are trusting in Christ to reconcile you to God. Think on this as Pastor preaches . . . **"Lord, teach us to pray . . . "** **2 And He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come.**

***Hymn (Powerpoint): Only a Holy God**

Message: "The Disciple's Prayer" Luke 11:1-4

***Hymn #346 (Red): Teach Me to Pray *Prayer**