

## “The Doctrine of Prayer”

(Sunday Morning May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

### Passage: Luke 11:5-13

Prayer is the means by which we are able to draw upon the spiritual blessing that we a \_\_\_\_\_  
p\_\_\_\_\_.

*Eph 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ”*

*Luke 3:21; 6:12; Mark 6:41; Luke 9:32; John 11:41 (References)*

*Jer 29:11 “‘For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.’”*

*Jer 29:12-13 “12 ‘Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 ‘You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.’”*

### I. Jesus Used a P\_\_\_\_\_ of C\_\_\_\_\_ to Illustrate This Doctrine

#### 1) We Have an E\_\_\_\_\_

*Heb 11:6 “And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him”*

*Mark 10:47-48 “47 When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’ 48 Many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he kept crying out all the more, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’”*

*Mark 10:49 “And Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has made you well.’ Immediately he regained his sight and began following Him on the road.”*

Jesus is saying, in essence, that this is what He wants us to do; He is encouraging us to continue to pray in a s\_\_\_\_\_ p\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_\_\_.

*Isa 62:6-7 “6 On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; all day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves; 7 And give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth”*

#### 2) We Have an E\_\_\_\_\_

Contrast # 1 = God is More Than a F\_\_\_\_\_; He is Our Heavenly F\_\_\_\_\_

*James 1:5 “But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach”*

Contrast # 2 = God Never S\_\_\_\_\_; Therefore, He Cannot be I\_\_\_\_\_

*Psa 121:4 “Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep”*

Contrast # 3 = This Man Was Reluctant to Provide a S\_\_\_\_\_ Request, But God is More Than Willing and Able to Grant a L\_\_\_\_\_ Request

*Eph 3:20 “...is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us”*

*Luke 18:1-8 (Reference)*

*Num 14:13-17 (Reference)*

*Isa 65:24 “It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear”*

## II. Jesus Used a P\_\_\_\_\_ of C\_\_\_\_\_ to Implement This Doctrine

### 1) We Have an E\_\_\_\_\_

#### a. Asking Expresses Our D\_\_\_\_\_

*James 4:2 "...You do not have because you do not ask"*

#### b. Seeking Expresses Our D\_\_\_\_\_

*Rom 8:26-27 "26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; 27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God"*

#### c. Knocking Expresses Our D\_\_\_\_\_

*Matt 15:21-28 (Reference)*

### 2) We Have an E\_\_\_\_\_

#### a. First, Jesus Points Out That God Will Not Give Us S\_\_\_\_\_ Things

*Jer 29:11 "'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope'" (Emphasis Added)*

#### b. Second, Jesus Points Out That God Will Give Us G\_\_\_\_\_ Things

*James 1:17 "Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow"*

*Psa 84:11 "...no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly"*

### 3) We Have an E\_\_\_\_\_

*Matt 7:11 "...how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!"*

Jesus uses this reference to the Holy Spirit to say, in essence, that God will not only give us what we ask for, He will give us the s\_\_\_\_\_ of all that we ask for.

*Phil 4:19 "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus"*

*Rev 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me"*