

Jesus' School of Prayer

Luke 11:1-13

The disciples come upon Jesus at prayer. What they see and hear leads them to request Him to teach them to pray.

[Jesus was often at prayer: Luke 3:21 His baptism; 5:16 in Wilderness, 6:12 Appt. Disciples, 9:18 alone, 9:28,29 Transfiguration.]

What did they see and hear?

His passion?: Hebrews 5:7 His Posture? Mark 14:35

Some Pictures of Prayer that Come to mind: Personal memories.

Jesus responds to them by giving them a pattern and two principles.

1. The Pattern: The "Lord's Prayer" vs. 2-4 This also in Matthew 6:5-15

Note v.4 The confession....this the probable cause of most unanswered prayer.

[See what God hears: Luke 18:10-14]

2. The Principles v. 5-13:

- Ask and Continue asking. See v. 8
- Access: We are invited to ask v. 9
- Keep asking until when? He does it; He says "No", Until we reach a point He can.

3. You Can Trust the Father's answer. V.11-13

The atmosphere of prayer is "filial" ie Father-child.

Ready access

A Father who is inclined toward us.....

[A father who is not selfish, has no hang-ups, Not affected by your past because there is no baggage beyond your confession and repentance.]

"Into your hands I commend my soul; I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands, without reserve and with boundless confidence. For you are my Father." (Henri Nouen)