

## FINAL STUDY NOTES - *LUKE Chapter 11* 3-17/18-2025

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### OPENING PRAYER

***LUKE – Chapter 11*** beginning of Jesus' going toward Jerusalem, through chapter 19! – The Model Prayer - (vs. 1-4); A Friend Comes at Midnight – (vs. 5-8); Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking – (vs. 9-13); A House Divided Cannot Stand – (vs. 14-23); An Unclean Spirit Returns – (vs. 24-26); Keeping the Word – (vs. 27-28). Seeking a Sign – (vs. 29-32); The Lamp of the Body – (vs. 33-36); Woe to the Pharisees and Lawyers – (vs. 37-54).

**The Model Prayer – Parables of a Persistent Friend and a Good Father**

***Luk 11:1 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."***

- **Lord, teach us to pray.** The disciples were not asking how to pray, but they wanted to pray as Jesus prayed! They observed how that Jesus was always praying before every major decision and manifestation of God's presence and power. Here, once more Jesus is praying! The disciples recognized that this is the pattern of His life. When He was through praying, one came and said, *Lord, teach us to pray?* John taught his disciples. You teach us!

**Luk 11:2** So He said to them, "When you pray, say: **Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.**

- **The first thing in prayer is relationship.** *Our Father.* If you are not a child of God, you have no access to the Father. In the Old Testament to come to God you had to go through the priest and many sacrifices, not coming directly to God. But now through Jesus Christ we have the relationship of sons, having access to *Our Father in heaven!* We can bring our petitions and our requests to Him. "*Our Father in heaven,*" the address of the prayer. The God who has created the heavens and the earth. I am coming to Him! (**Act 4:24**) *So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them,*
- **So often when we go to prayer, we are so overwhelmed by our problem** that all we can see is the problem, looming like a giant before us with no answer, no solution. But when you begin your prayer, looking to the God who created everything, then my problem does not look so big anymore!
- **Hallowed be Your name.** His name is not God. That is His title. His name is Yahweh or Jehovah. We do not know for sure because all we have are the consonants. In (**Pro 18:10**) *The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.* Throughout the Psalms there is the mention of the name of the Lord.
- **Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.** Our first concern should not be our own personal needs but for the kingdom of God. Jesus said (**Mat 6:31,33**) "*Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'* [33] But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Get your priorities right. Our concern for the kingdom of God first, as we look at the world. How that stirs our hearts to pray to the Lord!
- **The last prayer of the Bible is for the coming kingdom.** (**Rev 22:20**) *He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!* The will of God is not being done here on earth. We want to see God's kingdom come and His will being done.

**Luk 11:3** Give us day by day **our daily bread.**

- **We move from the broad kingdom of God to our own personal needs.** One of the most basic needs is that of food! Bread represents those things that are necessary to sustain life. Therefore, Asking God for that personal need is totally in order. Note this is on a daily basis!
- **Am I really walking – asking, seeking, knocking, on a daily basis, savoring each hour as an available opportunity to be empowered by Him to do what He calls me to do?**

**Luk 11:4** And **forgive us our sins,** For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And **do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.**"

- **Forgive us our sins.** From a physical standpoint, I need daily bread. From a spiritual standpoint, my greatest need is the forgiveness of my sins. If my sins are not forgiven, then my sins will be judged. We thank God He has provided through Jesus Christ the means whereby our sins can be forgiven!
- **For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.** Lord, I have done things that offended You. Forgive me. And Lord, I do forgive those who have done things that offended me. It is important that we also have a forgiving heart. Jesus spoke a lot about forgiveness and about the importance of our forgiving.
- **And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.** In (**Jas 1:13-14**) *Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. [14] But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.* Lord, keep me from those things that arouse the fleshly nature and turn me away from You!
- **Jesus has given to His disciples and to us this model prayer.** It need not be repeated verbatim, but it is a pattern for prayer, a model for prayer.
- **One final thing! All of the personal pronouns (our, we, us) in this prayer are in the plural!** When we pray this prayer, we are not only praying for ourselves, but we are also praying for the rest of the body of Christ. It is not only intercession for my own life, but it is meaningful intercession for the rest of the body of Christ! So, as I pray this prayer, all the blessings that are mine and the close communicating relationship with God are yours as well!

- (Mat 6:9-13) In this manner, therefore, pray: **Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. [10] Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. [11] Give us this day our daily bread. [12] And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. [13] And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Parables of Contrast Given only in Luke: Luk 11:5-7** And He said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; [6] for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; [7] and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'?"

- **After giving His disciples the model prayer,** Jesus gives them even more than they had asked for because He immediately followed with three of the greatest encouragements related to prayer that you could ever know. That is what we come into now. The prayer is not going to do us any good if we do not pray! He knows the best way to produce that within our lives is the kind of encouragement that He has for us.
- **Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you.** Usually, the houses were just one room. For warmth, the family all slept together with mats, close together on the floor. If one gets up, then all the children are aroused and awakened! It is midnight, everyone is settled comfortably sleeping. Here comes this neighbor's persistent knock on the door, wanting to borrow some bread. But the kids are all asleep. Go away!

**Luk 11:8** I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

- **His friend just keeps knocking. You hope that maybe he will go away,** and you will stay there in your warm bed. You do not want to disturb everybody, but the guy just keeps knocking. Finally, you think, I am not going to get rid of him until I get up and give him the bread! *Because of his persistence!*
- **He will rise and give him as many as he needs.** Jesus is teaching here by contrast. He is not saying that you have to just persist with God until He gives in. The contrast is that though he will not do for a friend yet because if you are persistent enough, he will give in. We do not have to break down God's resistance. That is not the purpose of prayer. God is not reluctant to give to us that which is right and that which is good. Prayer opens the door to allow God to do what He is wanting to do all along.
- **In (Joh 15:16) You** (speaking to His disciples) **did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.** Not He shall, **but He may.** In other words, it opens the door to allow God to do what He wants to do. God has given to us our free will, the power of choice. God will not violate our free will. He will not force us to receive something we do not want. That is not God's way, and it is not God's nature to force on you that you do not want.
- **Through prayer I open the door and allow God then to do what He is desiring to do,** as true prayer begins with the heart of God. That is where prayers always start. He makes His will known to my heart. He puts desires in my heart. He writes His law on the fleshly tablets of my heart. I see the need and I express the need to God and thus, the circle is complete and now God is able to do for me what He is longing and desiring to do.
- **This lesson here is in contrast.** Here, men will give in to persistence. But in contrast, such is not case of the heart of God the Father. This is an encouragement that with God we just need to ask!

**Luk 11:9** "So I say to you, ask (ask and keep on asking), and it will be given to you; seek, (seek and keep on seeking), and you will find; knock (knock and keep on knocking), and it will be opened to you.

- **The second great encouragement to prayer! Ask! Seek! Knock! It will be opened to you!** Because you are His child, God who is ready and willing and desiring to just give to you whatever you need!
- **What a promise this is. Ask and you will receive.** You will find knock and it shall be opened unto you. Any Christian who actually believes that to be true would hardly ever find ourselves ceasing to pray and to pray about everything. Yet this is the level of encouragement that God, that Jesus gives to us, as His disciples, related to prayer, incredible promises!
- **How consistently do I avail myself to this great encouragement to pray? Ask - it will be given! Seek- you will find! Knock - it will be opened to you! Do I pray like I believe that? How often am I experiencing those results in praying?**

*Luk 11:10-11 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. [11] If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish?*

- *If a son asks for bread.* Again, we have the contrast here. Notice “Give us this day our daily bread.” You have a son who asks you for bread,

*Luk 11:12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?*

- **These things are repulsive in our minds.** We recoil against even the thought of these things. As a father I would not do something like that for my child who is coming home and is hungry and wants some food. He says, Dad, is there any bread around here? I do not say, go out and eat the rock, son! So as a father, it is a repulsive idea that you treat your children that way who are coming to you out of their need. Again, Jesus gives a contrast:

*Luk 11:13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more (3x in Luke) will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"*

- **Note the clarity of this contrast!** If I, being an evil father, would never fail to give my children something good, that they desperately need and want, **how much more** would our heavenly Father want to give us the Holy Spirit! He especially loves to give *the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him*. We never need doubt God's desire to pour out His Spirit! The problem is not in God's desire to give, but in our receiving!
- **How much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?** Nowhere is this promise more important than our prayers for the Holy Spirit in our lives for the provision of power, wisdom, and strength. Anytime we ask for a greater fullness of the Holy Spirit, work of the Holy Spirit within our Lives, God will always answer that prayer!
- **We must be careful that we indeed are seeking the Holy Spirit when we are asking for it!** Throughout the scriptures there were different manifestations of the power of the Holy Spirit upon the lives of the believer. It is wrong to see how someone else has experienced the power of the Holy Spirit and then ask for that experience. **I am to ask for the Holy Spirit!** However, that manifestation is to be experienced, let that be in His hands!
- **Lord, help me to grasp the enormity of this promise! How much more do You want us to be empowered by the Holy Spirit than what we want for our children!**

### Jesus and Beelzebub

*Luk 11:14 And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled.*

- **In (Mat 12:23) we are told that this man was also deaf and blind.** Now there are always those who jump to unscriptural conclusions and they then begin to say that everyone who is mute, that there is demonic activity involved.
- **It is possible that a person can be possessed by an evil spirit** and one of the manifestations being that the evil spirit does not allow that person to speak. But that is not an adequate explanation for all of those who are mute nor for all of those who are blind or for all of those who are deaf. Jesus cast out the evil spirit and the man was able to speak. All of the people were in awe.

*Luk 11:15 But some of them (Pharisees) said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."*

- **The Pharisees are now threatened by this miracle, they were losing peoples' authority, so now they are accusing Jesus of casting out demons by Beelzebub,** the ruler of the devils.

*Luk 11:16 Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven.*

- **Two issues involved here. One of them the accusation** that He is doing these works, casting out devils, by the power of Beelzebub, or the chief of the devils; and the other was asking Him to give them a sign from heaven. Here He has been doing all kinds of miracles. And yet they are asking for a sign.

### Two Kingdoms – Kingdom of Light; Kingdom of Darkness

*Luk 11:17-20 But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. [18] If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. [19] And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your*

*judges. [20] But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.*

- **Jesus here is declaring, Look, your position is not rational.** If I am doing this by the power of the devil, then Satan's kingdom is divided against itself, and it is going to fall. That would be time to rejoice. Satan's kingdom is about over. He is casting himself against himself. Jesus is saying, That's irrational if that were the case.
- **Note how irrational people do get who do not want to acknowledge that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God?** That they can become very irrational specially when they try to explain the works of Jesus in the hearts and lives of people. Jesus said, *if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.* The proper conclusion is *surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.*

**Luk 11:21** *When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace.*

- **In this context and light, a strong man** has his territory, has his defense.

**Luk 11:22** *But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils.*

- **Jesus is declaring that Satan had his dominion.** Satan had his kingdom. He was armed and he kept that which was his. But the stronger, of course, is Jesus. When He comes, He destroys the defense, the armor, spoiling the enemy. John tells us (**1Jn 4:4**) *You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*
- **Through Jesus Christ, Satan's power was destroyed!** Jesus triumphed over Satan at the cross. Paul tells us (**Col 2:15**) *Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.* We go into the battle as victors, the stronger. Through the power of Jesus Christ, we have authority and power over the forces of darkness and evil. One day soon, Satan's kingdom is to be cast out. Jesus is going to establish the kingdom of God. When we pray, Thy kingdom come, we are praying for that stronger One to come and establish His kingdom.

**Luk 11:23** *He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.*

- **He who is not with Me is against Me!** Either darkness or light! There is no place for neutrality, grey area! He does not give you that option. No, no! If you are not for Him, you are against Him!
- **He who does not gather with Me scatters.** It is more than just being against Him, it is scattering people rather than gathering them unto the Lord, it's scattering them away! Then Jesus talks about the worthlessness of self-reformation.
- **Am I fully for Him? Is there anything in me, in my life that is neutral, or even worse, that is against Him?**

### Return of an Unclean Spirit

**Luk 11:24-26** *"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house (person) from which I came.' [25] And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. [26] Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first."*

- **Jesus is giving us an insight into the spirit world and that specially of demons.** The importance of not having or leaving a void. When a demon is driven out by the power of the Spirit, in the name of Jesus, unless that person receives then Jesus Christ and he fills that void in his life, he is only setting himself up for a worse condition! Jesus seems to indicate that demonic spirits are restless unless they have a body in which they can operate. They are seeking embodiment.
- **We just had the story in chapter eight of the demoniac at Gadara** where the demons when cast out begged that they might go into the swine and not be sent to the abyss. Jesus permitted then and the swine ran down a steep place and were drowned in the sea of Galilee. The demons were seeking embodiments even in swine.
- **Whenever a demon is thrown out of a possessed person that void must filled by the Spirit of God** in order to protect them! There is no possibility of there being fellowship with light and darkness. It is vitaly important that your life be filled with the light of Jesus Christ!

### True Blessedness

**Luk 11:27-28** *And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" [28] But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"*

- **Here is an attempt by a certain woman to draw attention and worship** to Jesus' mother. Again, He associates the word of God, saying, *More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!*" those that have it and keep it, as being the ones who are truly blessed.
- **Even though Jesus did not encourage the worship of Mary**, it became incorporated within the historic church and much honor and veneration was given to her above that which Jesus allowed or what the scripture would actually allow. That is tragic indeed.
- **The ones who are blessed are the ones who hear the word of God and keep it.** Do not be deceived, just hearing the word of God is not enough. It is important that you keep the word of God. (*Jas 1:22*) *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*
- **Is the blessedness of my hearing the word of God and keeping it, more than the wonder of Mary's being chosen by God to be the one that bore and nursed my Savior?**

### The Sign of Jonah

**Luk 11:29** *And while the crowds were thickly gathered together, He began to say, "This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.*

- **In verse sixteen, they were seeking a sign from heaven**, wanting Him to give them a sign. Here He says, *This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.*
- **Matthew tells us (Mat 12:40) For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.** So the greatest sign that Jesus is indeed the Messiah would be His resurrection from the dead. That was to be the climactic sign that He indeed was the Messiah.

**Luk 11:30** *For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation.*

- **There are those who suggest that Jonah was quite a sight** when he came to Nineveh, that after the experience in the whale, that the high vitamin A content of the gastric juices in the whale or whatever would have turned his skin yellow, caused a jaundice condition that it probably would have destroyed his hair.

**Luk 11:31-32** *The queen of the South (a Gentile) will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth (1300 miles) to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here. [32] The men of Nineveh (Gentiles) will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.*

- **Jesus is teaching the general resurrection.** Death is not the end. You may think that you can live like a hog and die like a dog but that is not so. There is judgment coming. And every man is going to have to answer to God on the day of judgment. Jesus is teaching the general resurrection of the dead to face the judgment of God.
- **You cannot escape this judgment except through Jesus Christ**, who took the judgment of God for us! That is the glorious work of Christ in my behalf, taking the judgment of God for me, for my sin, for my guilt! So (*Rom 8:1*) *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.* But to those who are not in Christ Jesus, they are going to have to stand before the judgment of God!
- **Everyone who has ever lived** will rise to stand before that judgment. Revelation chapter twenty gives us an insight into this great white throne judgment of God. All those of history, the queen of Sheba, she will be standing there. But she will condemn this generation because *she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon!* to learn of his God. Here Jesus said, "*a greater than Solomon is here,*" referring to Himself.
- **The men of Nineveh (Gentiles) will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.** Now that is really something because Jonah was not a loving prophet at all. In fact, he hated his mission. He was angry with God when the Ninevites repented, his whole fear of a successful revival was realized! Didn't I say that? I knew You were a gracious God and loving, and I knew You would forgive them. He was angry with God because He did not destroy Nineveh. He wanted to see it destroyed.

### The Light in You

*Luk 11:33-34 "No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light. [34] The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness.*

- **The purpose of a lamp is to give light.** That is its one purpose. So, when you light the candle, you do not put it under a basket.

*Luk 11:35-36 Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness. [36] If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light."*

- **May our lives be filled with God's light!** May He keep us from darkness and from allowing the things of darkness to penetrate our life. How I desire to be pure as He is pure, Holy as He is holy. Righteous as He is righteous. To live a godly, pure, and righteous life, not allowing my mind to be polluted with the things of darkness. That there might be the glorious shining of His light!
- **How fully am I taking heed to this verse? As His child am I full of light? Is there any darkness in me at all?**

### Woes to the Pharisees and Lawyers

*Luk 11:37-38 And as He spoke, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him. So He went in and sat down to eat. [38] When the Pharisee saw it, he marveled that He had not first washed before dinner.*

- **The Pharisees were always there just to find fault.** They were not really seeking Jesus' company so much. Just to look for something to condemn, look for something to criticize.
- **The Pharisee saw it, he marveled that he had not first washed before dinner.** They had a ritual washing and it is all prescribed. It was a ritualistic kind of thing and Jesus did not go through that whole ritual. So, this fellow marveled because after all, this is a ritual.

*Luk 11:39-41 Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness. [40] Foolish ones! Did not He who made the outside make the inside also? [41] But rather give alms of such things as you have; then indeed all things are clean to you.*

- **Because you pay your tithe, you think that you can do whatever you want!** You can have all kinds of evil thoughts, but just because you tithe, you think you can buy favors with the Lord.

*Luk 11:42 "But woe (5 woes to Pharisees, 1 woe to lawyers) to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.*

- **For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs** that they would grow in their gardens, the little spices, they would be sitting there counting out of the little seeds. Nine for me and one for Him, making sure that they paid their alms, their tithes.
- **But he said, and pass by justice and the love of God!** The really important things, you slight. You are so exacting in these things, but you are slighting the more important things of being fair, being honest, and of loving God and the love of God.
- **These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone!** Jesus did not say, You should not tithe. You ought to do that but really, you should not leave the other undone.

*Luk 11:43 Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces.*

- **Woe unto you, Pharisees! You love the places of prominence!** They would sit in front in the synagogues facing the people. They love that. They love the *greetings in the marketplaces*, wearing their robes, distinguishing them as the spiritual leaders. They love the reverence that people show!

*Luk 11:44 Woe to you, scribes (copiers of the scriptures) and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like graves which are not seen, and the men who walk over them are not aware of them."*

- **They were not to touch a grave because if they would touch a grave, it would be unclean.** So you are like a grave that you cannot see. People walking over you, becoming unclean just by contacting you!

*Luk 11:45 Then one of the lawyers answered and said to Him, "Teacher, by saying these things You reproach us also."*

- **These men were the men who interpreted the law of Moses.** A lawyer objected to what Jesus is saying. He applies to us and so he opens the door.

**Luk 11:46 And He said, "Woe to you also, lawyers! For you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers."**

- These teachers were loading these rules and regulations on the people, yet you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers! You are putting regulations on others that you cannot keep.
- There will always be a gap between our own lives, and the standard that we teach from God's word, but that gap should always be narrowing and never widening.

**Luk 11:47-48 Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. [48] In fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs.**

- They built tombs in honoring their dead prophets but they rejected living prophets. In doing so they showed that they really were the children of those who murdered the prophets of former times - you approve of the deeds of your fathers! We express much the same when we imagine that we would have trusted Jesus more than His disciples did, or would have been more faithful to Him.
- **What application is there to any of these six "Woes" in my life? Passing by the justice and the love of God; loving the best seats and greetings; people becoming unclean by contacting me; loading other with burdens hard to bear; honoring the prophets, but killing them; hindering anyone from coming to Him!**

**[49] Therefore the wisdom of God also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute.'**

- Jesus prophesied that these leaders would complete the rejection of the prophets their fathers began by persecuting His disciples, whom He would send to them.

**[50] that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world (confirmation that the world was created from start to finish in six literal days) may be required of this generation,**

- **Heavy duty.** For as hard as the Jewish religious leaders and the people were on the priests and the prophets in the Old Testament, none of them can hold a flame to what you are about to do. You say that you are different, but you are planning the death and crucifixion of the very One that these prophets spoke about! Jesus confronts them with their self-deception.
- **What a remarkable condemnation from Jesus**, saying that those who rejected Him, the Apostles and prophets would face a greater and unique accountability! The blood of all the prophets who prophesied of the coming of the Messiah who were killed because the people did not want to hear that God was displeased with them. So, the blood of all the prophets that their fathers killed are going to be required of this generation.
- **Man does not want to hear the truth that he is guilty.** He wants to hear soothing words. You are all right, that is just a part of human nature. They want to have someone just to appease them rather than to declare God's truth.

**Luk 11:51 from the blood of Abel (first to be killed for his faith) to the blood of Zechariah (last in the Old Testament to be killed) who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation.**

- **From the blood of Abel, going clear back to the book of Genesis**, the son of Adam who was killed by his brother Cain. (Gen 4:8,10) Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. [10] And He said, What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.
- **To the blood of Zachariah, who perished between the altar and the temple.** (2Ch 24:20a-21) Then the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, [21] So they conspired against him, and at the command of the king they stoned him with stones.
- **Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation.** That generation that crucified the Lord is greater than Solomon! Greater than Jonah! They will rise in the day of judgment and condemn them because they turned to God. These people are rebelling, and they are going to crucify the Son of God.

**Luk 11:52 "Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered."**

- You actually stand in the way and hinder people from entering the kingdom of God, which is one of the worst things that a person can do. Not entering in is bad. **But hindering those that would enter in is a horrible sin!**
- **Jesus speaks about those who would destroy the faith of a child.** (Luk 17:2) It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. Hindering those who would enter in is one of the most heinous sins in



the eyes of God. May God help us that by our lives we do not hinder people. God help us to be good witnesses for Him!

*Luk 11:53-54 And as He said these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to assail Him vehemently, and to cross-examine Him about many things, [54] lying in wait for Him, and seeking to catch Him in something He might say, that they might accuse Him.*

- They were really pressing and pushing Him at this point. So quite an afternoon as Jesus puts them in their place. They start to yell, asking Him questions, hoping they can trip Him up in answering one of those questions. They are still searching for a reason to reject Him as the Messiah. Here they are, this far along in the Ministry and life of Jesus and they still have not found a reason yet. They never would. No one ever will!

## SUMMARY

- **Am I really walking – asking, seeking, knocking, on a daily basis, savoring each hour as an available opportunity to be empowered by Him to do what He calls me to do?** (Luke 11:3 – Need to pray on a daily basis)
- **How consistently do I avail myself to this great encouragement to pray? Ask - it will be given! Seek- you will find! Knock – it will be opened to you! Do I pray like I believe that? How often am I experiencing those results in praying?** (Luke 11:9 – Encouragement to ask, seek, knock and the promises of fulfillment)
- **Lord, help me to grasp the enormity of this promise! How much more do You want us to be empowered by the Holy Spirit than what we want for our children!** (Luke 11:13 – contrast showing how much more He wants to give the Holy Spirit)
- **Am I fully for Him? Is there anything in me, in my life that is neutral, or even worse, that is against Him?** (Luke 11:23 - He who is not with Me is against Me)
- **Is the blessedness of my hearing the word of God and keeping it, more than the wonder of Mary's being chosen by God to be the one that bore and nursed my Savior?** (Luke 11:28 – the great blessing of hearing and keeping God's word)
- **How fully am I taking heed to this verse? As His child am I full of light? Is there any darkness in me at all?** (Luke 11:36 – The lamp of the body)
- **What application is there to any of these six “Woes” in my life? Passing by the justice and the love of God; loving the best seats and greetings; people becoming unclean by contacting me; loading other with burdens hard to bear; honoring the prophets, but killing them; hindering anyone from coming to Him!** (Luke 11:48 – learning from Jesus' woes to the Pharisees and Lawyers)

## CLOSING SONG

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**- Andrea Bocelli (3:31/3:34)

*Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## CLOSING PRAYER

**NEXT WEEK: Read and study Luke Chapter 12!**