

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

## THE UNFRIENDLY NEIGHBOR.

**Golden Text**—Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. (Matt. 7:7-8.)

**Lesson Text**—Luke 11:1-13.

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 thou hast taught thy 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 on 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 bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. (5) And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, which of you shall have a neighbor, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves. (6) For a friend of mine is journeying, and he 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. For every one that asketh, he shall receive, and he that seeketh shall find, and he that knocketh shall be opened. (11) If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he shall ask a fish, will he give him a scorpion? (12) If he will offer him a scorpion? (13) If he will offer him a scorpion? (13) If he will offer him a scorpion?

11:13, 14). The opening words of the prayer teach that God is the Father of all believers in Christ and that they are all brethren. The place of God's peculiar abode is heaven (cf. Ps. 115:3; Isa. 66:1; Ps. 114:4; Dan. 2:28; Matt. 10:32; 3:17; Acts 1:9, 10). True prayer always puts the hallowing of God's name before all else (cf. Jno. 17:1). All the rights of the entire race of men sink into nothingness before the rights and glory of the infinite God. Next to the glory of God's name comes the triumph of God's kingdom, the establishment of His reign first in our own hearts, then in the hearts of others, then in open manifestation throughout the earth (cf. Isa. 2:2-5; Dan. 2:44; 7:27; Rev. 11:15; 19:6; 20:4). Before the Kingdom can fully come, the King must come. We do well to pray for the coming of the King as well as the coming of the Kingdom (Rev. 22:20). If we really desire God's kingdom to come we will first of all seek to it that the kingdom is set up in our own hearts, and then we will go earnestly to work to set it up in the hearts of others. The third petition indicates submission to the will of God (Luke 22:42), delight in performing the will of God (Jno. 6:38; Eph. 6:6), sanctification in our own lives (1 Thess. 4:3), and the desire that the will of God be the law of all the earth. The fourth petition is to be taken first of all literally as applying to the necessities of the body. It is right to speak to God about these things (Phil. 4:6). The measure of temporal things that we should desire is enough each day for that day. The petition to get his childlike trust that delights in God's own hand each day from the Father (cf. Matt. 6:34; 1 Tim. 6:8, 9; Ex. 16:15-22). The fifth petition is the prayer of the unsaved sinner for the forgiveness of the sins that are destroying him forever, but the prayer of the saved child of God for the forgiveness of the sins that are hindering his communion with the Father. If we are to enjoy the forgiveness that brings unbroken fellowship with God, we must on our part forgive those who have injured us. Nothing more surely destroys communion than an unforgiving spirit (cf. Matt. 6:14, 15; Mark 11:25). The fact that we forgive others is not the ground upon which God forgives us, but it is the condition of our enjoying that forgiveness (Eph. 1:7; 4:32). The prayer for pardon is put first of the prayers for spiritual blessings because there is no pardon, God does not bless unless there is pardon. God does not tempt men (Jas. 1:13), but He does tempt men into places where they are tempted (Job 1:12; 2:6; Mark 1:12). But He never suffers us to be tempted above that which we are able to bear (1 Cor. 10:13). But the man who is humble and has an adequate conception of his own weakness will constantly pray, "bring me not into temptation." The spirit of that prayer is the exact opposite of that presumptuous spirit so often seen where men rush into unnecessary temptation to show how strong they are. The intelligent Christian always realizes that though the spirit is willing the flesh is weak.

(Matt. 26:41). The prayer closes with a suggestion of our peril from our great enemy, "the evil one" (cf. Matt. 6:13, R. V.)

**II.—The Power of Importunity, 5-13.** The central thought of this parable is plain enough, namely, that if we do not get what we ask of God the first time we ask, to keep on praying until we do (cf. Luke 18:1-8). The word translated "importunity," means literally, "shamelessness." God delights in that persistent faith, that holy boldness, that will not be put to shame nor take no for an answer (cf. Matt. 15:21-23). In v. 9 there are three commands and three promises. Obtaining the promises is conditioned upon obeying the commands. Men do not obtain because they do not ask (cf. Jas. 4:2). They do not find because they do not seek. They do not have the door opened to them because they do not knock. By piling up words (ask, seek, knock), Jesus sets forth the need of earnestness and downright persistence in prayer. How few people pray things through. We are often on the verge of getting but stop short just too soon. Jesus does not say that everyone who asks gets everything that he asks, not even if he asks of God. Even an earthly father will give a son at least as good as he asks, how much more God. The fundamental truth that underlies prayer is that God is a father. Those who argue against God's answering prayer from the reign of law lose sight of the great truth that God is a father. Incidentally Jesus teaches the corruption of human nature.

**SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS**

On the Sunday School Lesson by Rev. Dr. Linscott for the International Press Bible Question Club.

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The Unfriendly Neighbor. Luke xi: 1-13.

Golden Text—Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Luke xi:9.

(1) Verse 1—Did Jesus have the same need as other men to pray for himself? Why?

(2) What do you consider would be the principal thing which Jesus would need to pray for?

(3) What reason, if any, is there to believe that Jesus would ever use a liturgical form of prayer in his approach to God?

(4) Verse 2—Did Jesus mean what we call "The Lord's Prayer" to be used as a form of prayer or to be simply suggestive of the manner and manner of prayer? Why? (See Matt. vi:9.)

(5) What would you say is the predominant or key note in the prayers of all godly people?

(6) How will it be brought about, and when will the day come, when the will of God will be done on earth as it is in heaven? (This is one of the questions which may be answered in writing by members of the club.)

(7) Verse 3—How many true Christians have you known that have lacked bread or any of the necessities of life?

(8) May all the truly good feel absolutely certain that God will provide them with all the temporal things they need? Why?

(9) Verse 4—Why would you say, or not, that God will never forgive those who do not forgive their fellows?

(10) What practical difference is there whether God directly leads us into temptation or permits the devil to do so?

(11) See I Cor. x:13, and give your opinion as to whether Jesus desires us to pray to be kept from temptation or to be kept from yielding to it?

(12) Verses 5-8—Wherein does the man in this parable differ from God?

(13) What was it that finally decided this man to loan his neighbor the loaves he wanted and what is it that influences God to answer our prayers?

(14) What is the thought which Jesus sought to convey by this parable?

(15) Why does God often answer importunate prayer that would not be answered in any other way?

(16) Verses 9-10—May we be absolutely sure that God will in due time answer every prayer of ours that is for our good?

(17) Of what service to us are prayers for things we never receive?

(18) If we pray for all we think we need may we rest with confidence in the assurance that we shall get all we do need?

(19) Verses 11-12—If a Christian asks for a stone, thinking it is the bread which he needs, what will he get?

(20) Will God ever answer the unwise prayers of any good man?

(21) Verse 13—If God is as willing to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask, as parents are to give good things to their children, how is it that so few claim to have the Holy Spirit?

**EXPERIMENT STATION WORK.**

(Canton Observer.)

Mr. T. Lenoir Gwyn, of Springdale, was in town today and reports that the government station which is located on his farm, is the scene of some interesting and practical work. Mr. P. T. Peeden, who is the superintendent of the station is required to spend his entire time right on the scene and he is making record of the result of feeding cattle on different kinds of forage, etc. Mr. Peeden has received many inquiries as to the result of what he has done and the farmers of this country are especially interested in the work. People from all parts of the state have been interested in the possibilities of the cattle raising industry since the location of the experiment station and within a short while Western North Carolina stockraisers will be greatly benefited by the information that is gathered from the experiments now being made.

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(Wall Street Journal.)

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"American banks having branches in the great foreign financial centres will be in touch with affairs outside of our own country, and through them the opportunities will be afforded for intelligent speculation in the securities of companies operating in sections of the world of which the very names are now unfamiliar to New York ears. I think I can see the time when London's supremacy as the financial centre of the world will be seriously threatened by New York, and when there will be a stability to our financial affairs such as we have never known in the past. We shall have solid security in our investments at home and large profits from more or less speculative undertaking abroad, the risk of the latter being minimized from the diffusion of our capital all over the world, so that a calamity in one country will not affect us seriously."

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