

LUKE 11; August 28; How Should a Christian Pray?

ANALYSIS:

1. What request, in the prayer Jesus taught his disciples, is connected to some action on our part? _____
2. Jesus taught persistence or not quitting in prayer by what word in the story of the friend who went to a friend to borrow three loaves?

3. What did Jesus say our heavenly Father would give to those who ask him? _____
4. When a woman called out, in effect, to Jesus, "Blessed is your mother," how did Jesus correct her? _____
5. What word did Jesus use, when pronouncing "Woe unto" the Pharisees, scribes and lawyers, which explains why they faced God's judgment? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

In every recorded prayer Jesus addressed God as "Father" (Mt 6:9; 11:25; 26:39, 42; Lu 11:2; 23:34, 46; John 11:41; 12:27, 28; 17:1, 5, 11, 21, 24, 25). How gloriously simple, direct and personal. What a witness to Jesus' Deity. Jesus never prayed using labored, lofty, repetitious or ponderous titles.

Remember, "your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him" (Mt 6:8). Therefore, we can be personal and direct in prayer, as Jesus taught us, "Our Father ... " (Lu 11:2).

HELP:

1. Forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us (v 4).
2. Importunity (v 8) meaning: To beset with repeated and insistent requests.
3. The Holy Spirit (v 13).
4. Yea,, rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it (v 28).
5. They were hypocrites (v 44).