

Luke 11:1-13 (part 2)

I. The Premise of Prayer

A. Friendship

B. Fatherhood

C. We become children of God through Jesus Christ (Galatians 4:4-7; Romans 8:15; Ephesians 1:4c-7; Romans 8:23)

II. Persistence in Prayer

A. "Annoying" works even when friendship doesn't!

B. Even evil people don't give evil things to their *children*!

C. Note: not mere repetition (Matthew 6:7)

D. Persistence clarifies need

E. Through earnest prayer, God often shows us sin (Acts 5:32; 1 Peter 3:7; Luke 11:4)

F. Don't stop!

III. The Promise of Prayer

A. What are we praying for? The Holy Spirit. (Matthew 7:7ff.; Luke 11:13)

B. What about other stuff? Yes: ask for it! (Luke 11:1-4; see Ezekiel 36:22ff.)

C. What does it mean to ask God for the Holy Spirit?

D. What does an outpouring of the Holy Spirit bring? (Romans 14:17; 5:5; Mark 13:11; Acts 4:13; 2 Corinthians 12:2)

E. How an outpouring of the Holy Spirit happens. (Acts 4:23-31; 8:14-17; 10:44)

F. Pray for the Holy Spirit. (Isaiah 62:6b-7; Genesis 32:6)