

# ***THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM***

*A Study of the Parables of Jesus*

## **THE SECRET TO ANSWERED PRAYER**

*Luke 11:5-13      Jeff Schreve*

*Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples.*

*Luke 11:1*

### **What does Jesus want to teach us about prayer?**

#### **1. God wants us to pray biblically.**

##### **A. Pray according to His will.**

*And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him. 1 John 5:14-15*

##### **B. Pray using His Word.**

#### **2. God wants us to pray persistently.**

Luke 11

- 5 Then He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves;
- 6 for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him';
- 7 and from inside he answers and says, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you *anything*.'
- 8 "I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him *anything* because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

##### **A. God is unlike the friend in that:**

1. He is never asleep when you call.

2. He is never bothered when you call.

*The prayer of the upright is His delight. Proverbs 15:8*

3. He is never reluctant when you call.

B. God is like the friend in that persistence pays with Him.

*"I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet **because of his persistence** he will get up and give him as much as he needs. Luke 11:8*

*So I say to you, ask and keep on asking and it shall be given you; seek and keep on seeking and you shall find; knock and keep on knocking and the door shall be opened to you. For everyone who asks and keeps on asking receives; and he who seeks and keeps on seeking finds; and to him who knocks and keeps on knocking, the door shall be opened. Luke 11:9-10 AMP*

### 3. God wants us to pray confidently.

Luke 11

11 "Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he?

12 "Or *if* he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he?

13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

A. God is a loving Father.

B. God is a wise and faithful Father.

**Will you pray and keep praying?**