
The Keys of Prayer, Part II (Yours For The Asking)

The Keys of Holiness

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Sermon: The Keys of Holiness: The Keys of Prayer, Part II (Yours For The Asking)

New Series Messages: “The Keys of Holiness”

- Matthew 16:19 (AV) **19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: ...**
- Sermon: The Keys of Authority (The Power to Bind & Loose)
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 - Rising Above Your Mountain (Overcoming Limitations)
 - Going Through Your Mountain (Overcoming Faithlessness)
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Lesson Text

Luke 11:1–4 (AV)¹ 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 John also taught his 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 in 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 lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.**

Luke 11:9–10 (AV)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. ¹⁰ For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.**

John 14:13–14 (AV)¹³ **And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.**

Introduction

We’ve been looking at the Phrase, “Prayer is the Key, Faith Unlocks the Door” by studying, among other times, this passage of scripture: Matthew 17:21 (AV)²¹ **Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.**

Now I want to double back to our first message from three weeks ago, The Keys of Prayer (Making Spiritual Contact), but giving you a Part II to Prayer; Petitioning God!

Do you all remember the old Clark Sisters Song, “Name It, Claim it”? “Just name it and claim it, It's yours, it's yours. Yours for the asking, Yours, it's your blessing; Whatever you need (from the Lord)”

But let’s be honest, how many of you have experienced times where you prayed for something and didn’t get it?

The truth is we all have! And who why is this the case when the Jesus himself said “**whatsoever**

you shall ask in my name, that will I do”!

The answer can be found in the request posed by the disciples at the beginning of our lesson text, “Lord, teach us to pray”.

It was an admission of the fact that they didn’t know how to pray, and for many Christians, we fail at this because we don’t truly know how to pray the Prayer of Petition, The Prayer of Devotion, and the Prayer of Intercession. Nor do we realize how they are connected to each other.

Series and Sermon: The Keys of Holiness: The Keys of Prayer, Part II (Yours For The Asking)

“Today we will learn how to Ask God, Hear God, and Open Doors to God”

I. The Prayer of Petition (Asking God)

Luke 11:9–10 (AV)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.**

How many of you have experienced times where you prayed for something and didn’t get it?

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And yet, we all have these times of seemingly unanswered prayers. Now there is a reason why, but if you don’t learn it, it can cause you to lose your hope and even faith in God.

“I prayed, but God didn’t answer my prayers!” “What’s the use in praying, it doesn’t work!”

The key to Answered Prayers of Petition is in three little words from John 14, “In My Name”!

There is a difference between “In My Name” and “In Your Name”! The first refers to Jesus, and the latter refers to Us or Self!

James 4:2–3 (AV)² **Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. ³ Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.**

Now if we look at these two verse in reverse order,

- First, we don’t get what we ask for because we’re asking in our name, our flesh, our lusts and so we don’t get it.
- Second, after don’t’ it the wrong way for so long, we just stop asking all together.

It’s not that it doesn’t work, it’s just that we keep doing it the wrong way over and over again until we get to the point where we just give up.

This will make you crazy, and what’s the definition of insanity? Doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results.

The Key to the Prayer of Petition is in three little words, “In My Name”; John 14:13 **And whatsoever ye shall ask *in my name*...¹⁴ If ye shall ask any thing *in my name*...**

When you use the key of the three little word, “In My Name”, you get the answer of four little words, “I will do it!”; John 14:13 **... *that will I do*,...¹⁴ ... *I will do it*.**

Which brings us to the second key!

II. The Prayer of Devotion (Hearing God)

Luke 11:9–10 (AV)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.***

The Prayer of Devotion is the key to getting us to the “In My Name” Prayer of Petition.

“In My Name” means in the Name of Jesus, or in the will, desire, pleasure, or plan of Jesus for your life.

We have to stop getting mad at God because we didn’t get what we asked for, when he said he would give it to us in the first place.

If you say to your child, “if you get all A’s this school year, I will get you a bicycle”. That child can’t come ask you for a car. Why? Because you never promised them a car. Also, they are not old enough or responsible enough to handle a car even if you wanted to give it to the.

God is not obligated to do what you want, he’s only obligated to do what he said.

It is through the prayer of devotion that we get close enough to God to know and understand what we actually said.

Psalms 1:1–3 (AV)¹ Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. ***2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*** ³ And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The key to the Prayer of Devotion is to Delight and Meditate on the Word of God. The more you delight, meditate, learn, and study the Word of God, the closer you get to him, the more you know him, and the better you can hear him.

James 4:8 (AV) ⁸ Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you...

You can’t hear God from where you are, you’ve got to get closer, move closer, draw closer.

Revelation 3:22 (AV)²² **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.**

Which brings us to the final key!

III. The Prayer of Intercession (Opening Doors to God)

Luke 11:9–10 (AV)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.

The Key to the Prayer of Petition is to Pray “In My Name”, that “God will do it”.

The Key to the Prayer of Devotion is Pray “Delight and Meditate”, so you can “Hear God”.

The Key is for the Prayer of Intercession and it is “Knocking on the Door for Others”, because “It’s not about You”!

Revelation 3:8 (AV) **I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an *open door*, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast *kept my word*, and hast not denied *my name*.**

“My Name, Praying the Prayer of Petition; “Kept My Word, Praying the Prayer of Devotion; “Open Door”, Praying the Prayer of Intercession.

Intercession mean to intervene on behalf of another, to act of saying a pray on behalf of another.

The key to getting doors open is to intervene and pray for someone else; “It’s not about you”!

Many of the miracles that Jesus performed were based on Prayer of Intercession. The man who had a son with a lunatic spirit, the woman who was called a dog but interceded for her daughter, Mary and Martha who pleaded for Lazarus, The centurion soldier who petitioned on behalf of his servant, The father on behalf of his daughter in which the people say she is dead, the four men who climbed on top of the roof and tore a hole in it to get their friend to Jesus.

Keep Knocking for your Family, Keep knocking for your children, Keep knocking for your spouse, Keep knocking for your friends, keep knocking for your enemies, keep knocking!!!

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Keys of Prayer, Part II (Yours For The Asking))

Lesson Text

- Luke 11:1–4, Luke 11:9–10, John 14:13–14

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. *The Prayer of Petition (Asking God)*

II. *The Prayer of Devotion (Hearing God)*

III. *The Prayer of Intercession (Opening Doors to God)*

Questions (What was your Main Takeaway from Sunday’s Sermon?)

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. What interesting thing did you do over the summer?
2. What type of amusement park ride or attraction is your favorite? A. Things that go up and down. B. Things that go round and round C. Shows and performances D. Food
3. What pet (type and name) do you have or would you like to have?

II. Into the Bible

1. The Apostle John states in 1 John 5:14-15, “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.” What can we learn from this passage about answered prayer?
2. In Luke 11:1, the disciples requested Jesus to teach them to pray. Notice they didn’t ask him to teach them *how* to pray? Is there a difference in “teaching one to pray” and teaching one *how* to pray? We see in the Book of Acts the impact of Jesus’ teaching the disciples to pray. Name some results that we see in Acts because of their prayers? (*Bonus question: What did John the Baptist teach his disciples about prayer? Ref. scriptures*)

III. Life Application

1. What we say matters: How will your prayers change now that you’ve been given keys to prayer?
2. Self-care: It’s ok to take time out of the day to self-focus. What will that look like for you? (Petitioning God for yourself in the morning, evenings, bath time, bed time, etc.)