

Lesson III.

PRAYING TO GOD

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Luke 11 : 1-13 ; Psalm 145 : 18, 19. *Scripture Memory Verse, John 6 : 10.

Golden Text—Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need.—Hebrews 4 : 16 (Rev. Ver.).



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19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him : he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

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.

5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves ;

6 For a friend of mine in his journey 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.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth ; and he that seeketh findeth ; and to him that knocketh it 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 ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent ?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion ?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children : how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him ?

Ps. 145 : 18 The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

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THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus loved to go to some quiet place to pray to God his Father in heaven. Sometimes he took his disciples with him. One day, when he had been praying and had finished, his disciples said : "Lord, teach us to pray."

In our picture we see Jesus kneeling as he teaches his disciples to pray. He said, "When you 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. Give us day by day our daily bread. 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.'"

We call this the Lord's Prayer, because our Lord Jesus Christ taught it to his disciples,

and he wants all who love him to pray this prayer.

Jesus wanted his disciples to know how willing God is to answer prayer, so he told them a story about a man who was not at all willing to do what his friend asked him to do.

A man heard a knock at his door in the middle of the night. When he opened the door, there stood a friend who had come on a long journey and was tired and hungry. "Come in, come in, my friend, and rest and have some food," the man said. But when he looked, there was not a loaf of bread in the house, so he ran to a neighbor and knocked at the door. "Who's there ?" cried the neighbor. "Friend, will you lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine on a

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