

THE WONDER OF GOD PART IX

LUKE 11

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INTRODUCTION

- Luke clearly defines Jesus' miracles as works of the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus life was filled with miracles.
- Last week Luke 10, imparting authority to 70 followers.

I. PRAYER AND POWER TO LIVE

- Luke 11:1-4 opens with prayer and moves to the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Vss. 5-13 - Ask for the Holy Spirit.
- The norm for the early church was the power of the Spirit moving through the people of God.
- Acts 2:4, 4:8 - Peter filled with the Holy Spirit," Acts 4:31 - "Filled with the Holy Spirit," Acts 6:3 – "Filled with the Holy Spirit to serve tables."
- John told us that Jesus would baptize us with fire.
- Jesus never baptized with water as far as we know.

II. THE FOUNDATION IS RELATIONSHIP

- Luke 11:1-2, "...²And He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father..."
- "All prayer is born out of relationship."
- The foundation for all prayer is simple...God wants to be with you. He wants to answer you. He cares for you.
- Foundational to all Jesus taught were two things: God cares and God answers.
- The problem with prayer is many of us are convinced that God either really doesn't care for us.

III. FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

- Luke 11:5 - Important point. He said a friend!
- This is the most important part of prayer - God has given access to you as a friend.
- Verses 6-8 – Is this about your persistence?
- Spiritual warfare: You may have to persist to get a breakthrough as Daniel did in Daniel 10:10-15.
- Another possibility - the word persistent.
- The reason the midnight seeker gets what he needs is because of his *anaideia* - bold unashamedness.
- Confidence born out of knowing your friend's heart towards you.
- Not born out of works, but out of the truth that you are a child of the Most High God.
- Do you know your rights as children of God? Do you ever exercise them?

IV. OPENING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK

- Vs. 9 - Asking is a key condition for Spirit filled living.
- Luke 11:10,13, "...how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"
- Luke makes it clear here that this teaching has a specific purpose - ask for the Holy Spirit to work in you!
- John 7:37-39, "...'If any man is thirsty, let him come to me and drink...from his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.' But this He spoke of the Spirit..."
- The Apostle Paul states, "be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18b). Being filled with the Spirit is not something a Christian achieves.
- John 1:33, "...'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'"