



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 11:5-13 (NAS)

Topic: "Answered Prayer?"

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- 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.
9 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
10 "For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened.
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?"

I. OUR APPROACH TO GOD

- A. Not What We Might Expect
- B. There Is An Unusual Boldness Described
 - 1. There is a relationship assumed
 - 2. We approach as a child of God *John 1:11-13*
- C. We Must Seek His Honor, His Will, His Kingdom

II. PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER

- A. The Parable Teaches Persistence In Prayer
- B. The Didactic Portion Calls For Persistence In Prayer *vs. 9*

III. THE BASIS FOR THE PERSISTENCE

- A. Even An Earthly Father Grants Good Gifts
- B. Far More Our Perfect Heavenly Father *James 1:17*

IV. THE PROMISE OF ANSWERED PRAYER