

Spiritual Conflict **Luke 11**

I. Resource of Prayer – 1-11

1. Jesus prepares for Conflict – 1
Lessons on prayer prompted by His prayer
Rest of the chapter speaks of opposition
2. Disciples recognize their need – 1
“Lord teach us to pray”
Paul put prayer with our armor – Eph. 6:18
3. Pattern for prayer – 2-4
 - A. Relationship gives access to God – 2
Our Father – born into God’s family – Jn. 1:12
 - B. Worship is attitude in prayer - 2
Hallowed be Thy name
He is sovereign almighty God
 - C. Requests of prayer – 2-4
Furtherance of His Kingdom – 2
Accomplishment of His will – 2
Meeting of our needs – 3-4
Physical & material needs – 3
Our daily bread
Spiritual needs – 4
Forgiveness & learning to forgive
Victory over temptation
4. Potential of prayer – 5-10
 - A. To meet a pressing need – 5-8
As told in the parable
Unusual time – midnight
Difficult time – no ability to serve a friend
Urgent request – Supply for my need
 - B. To fulfill a promise – 9-10
Our Father never sleeps
His ear is open to our prayer
He invites us to ask, seek & knock
5. Provision of prayer – 11-13
 - A. Earthly fathers meet child’s need
They give what is requested
 - B. God will give His Spirit to us – 13
His own presence to dwell in us
Enabling us to reflect His character
Fruits of the Spirit
Enabling us to serve His cause
Spiritual gifts

II. Facing Opposition – 14-26

1. God’s power brings reaction – 14-16
Jesus casts out demon from a mute – 14
With the demon gone the mute spoke
Some who saw it wondered
Others said Jesus did it in Satan’s Power – 15
Others ask for a sign from heaven – 16
2. Jesus’ response to Satanic charge – 17-26
Charge is illogical – 17-18
Would Satan work against Satan?
It is inconsistent with what you know – 19-20

Will you charge others this way?

Is this not a sign of God’s kingdom?

Indication of Christ’s superior power – 21-23

The strong overcome by the stronger

What if Satan had done this – 24-26

He would fill the man with something worse

III. Challenging Hearers – 27-54

1. Blessing for doing God’s Word – 27-28
What a blessing to be Jesus’ mother
Greater blessing to heed God’s Word
2. For those who seek a sign – 29-32
Won’t believe without a special sign
Jonah was God’s sign to Nineveh
He lived after being 3 days in a fish
Jesus is God’s sign to this present
He will live after 3 days in the grave
Queen believed when she heard Solomon
Jesus is greater than Solomon – hear Him
Nineveh responded to Jonah
Jesus is greater than Jonah – Hear Him
3. Purpose of light is to illuminate 33-36
You don’t light a lamp to cover it – 33
What we see is to impact us
Don’t reject the light that is given
That will leave you in darkness
4. Pharisees focus on externals – 37-44
True cleansing must be internal
To focus on externals misses the reality
5. Lawyers miss God’s message – 45-54
Provide no answer for law-breakers - 45-46
Only add more laws
Honor the prophets, fathers killed – 47-51
But reject those coming with God’s message
You reject & keep others from receiving – 52
Join Pharisees in accusing Jesus – 53-54