

***Sermon Title:* PERSEVERANCE IN PRAYER**

Date: October 6, 2024 - Luke 11:5-13

Central Idea: Perseverance brings blessing as we pray to a loving heavenly Father! Do you persevere in your prayer life?

Introduction:

Luke 11:1-4 teaches us the pattern of prayer: first pray for God's kingdom, then for man's needs. The pattern keeps us from wandering all over the place or from simply repeating the same things. This structure gives us direction. However, we also need determination in prayer.

I. Persistence in Prayer, vv. 5-8

1. Midnight emergency, vv. 5-7

2. Christ's answer, v. 8

II. Promises for Prayer, vv. 9-10

1. Three-fold exhortation, v. 9

(1) Ask

(2) Seek

(3) Knock

2. Three-fold promise, v. 10

(1) "Ask" is followed by "given."

(2) "Seek" is followed by "find."

(3) "Knock" is followed by "opened."

III. Provision from Prayer, vv. 11-13

1. Man's need, vv. 11-12

2. A generous gift, v. 13

Conclusion:

As children of God, we must persevere in prayer until filled with the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the source of all that is good. As believers, we sometimes complain that God did not give us exactly what we asked. But we must consider the Holy Spirit and the grace He imparts, grace sufficient to cause us to rejoice even in the midst of our sorrows and afflictions.