



## Tell Me the Story of Jesus

## Lesson 11 – Luke 11

### People — Who is involved?

*The Disciples – Ask Jesus to teach them to pray.  
The Pharisees and Lawyers – condemned as hypocrites*

### Places — Where does it happen?

*“A certain place” (v. 1) – The location is not stated. If the events of this chapter took place soon after the visit to Mary and Martha’s house at Bethany, then perhaps in or near Jerusalem. This might also be indicated by the Pharisees and lawyers.*

### Pearls — What information will help me to understand better?

- Vs 2 – This prayer is similar to the one Jesus taught in Matthew 6:9-13. Here there are five requests; in Matthew there are seven. Each represents an area of praise, thanksgiving, or supplication.*
- Vs 5 – This parable is designed to teach disciples to pray steadfastly and persistently.*
- Vs 9 – God promises to supply our needs (Phil. 4:6,19); if we abide in Him (John 15:7); according to His will (Matt.26:39); knowing that He will do what is best for us (vss. 11-13).*
- Vs 15 – Beelzebub was identified by the Jews as “ruler” (high authority among devils), probably Satan. The Syrians and Philistines had a similar evil spirit that they identified as “lord of dung” or “god of filth”; literally, “Baal (lord) of flies” (having the power to drive away troublesome flies).*
- Vs 16 – They wanted a sign from heaven while rejecting the sign he gave, driving out devils.*
- Vs 19 – “Your sons” may be Israelites who claimed to be exorcists or they may be the disciples Jesus empowered to cast out demons. If the former, the Pharisees would have to be consistent and condemn their own brethren and deny they were acting by divine power. If the latter, they would be denying the miraculous evidence of the power of God in more than seventy fellow Israelites.*
- Vs 25 – When evil leaves our hearts, we must fill them with God’s righteousness or evil will return.*
- Vs 26 – When evil returns, the condition is worse than before (2 Pet. 2:20-22; John 5:14; Heb. 10:29).*
- Vs 30 – Jonah was like Jesus in that he was delivered from the depths after three days (Matt. 12:40).*
- Vs 31 – The Queen of the South came to Solomon whose wisdom came from God (1 K. 10; 2 Chron. 9).*
- Vs 35 – “Light” represents goodness, righteousness and truth (Eph. 5:8-9). “Darkness” represents evil.*
- Vs 37 – Josephus says there were about 6,000 Pharisees at the height of their popularity. They originally called themselves the “hasidhim” (pious ones). “Pharisees” means “separatists.”*
- Vs 42 – “Woe” is both an expression of condemnation/judgment and sorrow/regret.  
“Rue” was a small shrub with yellow flowers and a pungent odor, a favorite of Orientals.*

### Perspectives — What may I learn from this chapter?

- 1. God wants us to pray persistently and then have faith and trust Him to give what is best (1-13).*
- 2. Jesus can cast out evil from our lives; but we must hear and keep His word (14-36).*
- 3. God hates hypocrisy. Study the ways in which the Pharisees were hypocritical (37-54).*