

SCRIPTURE: Luke 11:1-13

SERMON: What Do You Want?

3 May 2015

INTRODUCTION: THREE NOTABLE PROVIDENCES (see Dt.19:15; Mt.18:16; 2Cor.13:1)

POINT: WHAT DO YOU WANT? (Jos.15:18f; Mk.10:36,51; Lk.18:41,1f /Hb4:16; 10:19f /1Jn5:14; Mt6:10f)

I. PRAY! ASK, SEEK, KNOCK! (Lk.11:2-4; 5f; 8f,9,13; see Jms.4:2b; 2Kngs.19:20)

A. ADORATION IN ORDER TO ASK (Lk.11:2; Ps.65:2; 84:8; Heb.11:6)

B. CONFESSION IN ORDER TO ASK (see 2Chr.7:14; 33:13; Neh.1:6; Dan.9:3f; Ps.34:15f(1Pt.3:12); 66:18; Prv.15:29 (Heb.5:7); Is.37:16f; Jms.4:3; 5:16)

C. THANKSGIVING IN ORDER TO ASK (Phil.4:6; Rom.1:21; yet Lk.6:35)

II. FAST! FOCUS YOUR DESIRES ON WHAT YOU TRULY WANT! (see Mt.6:5f,16f)

A. HUMBLE YOURSELF TO SEEK GOD ALONE (Mt.6:9,10; 19f,25f; 33; Lk.6:12; see Ezr.8:21; Ps.35:13(Mt.5:44); Is.58:3,5; Dan.9:3f; 1Cor.7:5)

B. PRAY OUT OF INTENSE DESIRE (*Gen.30:1; Rom.10:1; 2Kngs.20:5; Neh.1:6; see Eph.1:18; Col.1:9*)

III. ALM! GIVE TO THE POOR SO THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE FROM GOD!

(see Mt.6:5f,1f; note: sow in order to reap)

A. THE PROMISES OF GOD (Prov.19:17; 22:9(16); 28:27; 2Cor.9:6f; Gal.6:9,10)

B. THE PROOF OF GOD (Acts 10:2; 4,31)

IV. VOW! PROMISE TO GOD CONDITIONED ON HIS ANSWER! (see Job 22:27; Ps.61:5,8)

A. CONDITIONAL PROMISSORY OATH (Gen.28:20f; 1Sam.1:11f; see *WCF,c.22,para.6 (5-7)*)

B. SOLEMN ACT OF WORSHIP (Dt.10:20; Ex.20:7; 2Cor.1:23)

C. THE FEAR OF MAKING A VOW (Dt.23:21f; Eccl.5:4f; see Ex.20:7)

D. THE JOY OF MAKING A VOW (Job 22:27; Ps.22:25; 50:14; 61:8; 66:13; 116:14,18; Jon.2:9; Nah.1:15)

E. MADE IN PRIVATE & PAID IN PUBLIC (Gen.28:20f; 1Sam.1:11f & Ps.22:25; 116:14,18)

F. ASK AN ELDER FOR HELP (see 1Cor.6:1f; Dt.17:8; Ps.107:32)

G. DELIBERATE, SPECIFIC, W/PRAYER, FASTING & ALMS (Dt.10:20; 23:21f; Ex.20:7; see *WCF,c.22,para.6 (5-7)*)

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CONCLUSION: A DIVINE INVITATION (Ps.32:6; Rev.4:1; see Dt.19:15; Mt.18:16; 2Cor.13:1)

Discussion question:

*Brethren, what shall **WE do?*** (see Acts 2:37f)