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Luke 10:38-42

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" ⁴¹"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Genesis 3:12

The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

Luke 8:14

¹⁴The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.

Proverbs 9:8

Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you; rebuke the wise and they will love you.

John 11:1-27 (see screen or personal Bible)

Psalms 27:1-4

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?
²When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.
³Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.
⁴One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

THE MOST
IMPORTANT
THING ABOUT
YOU

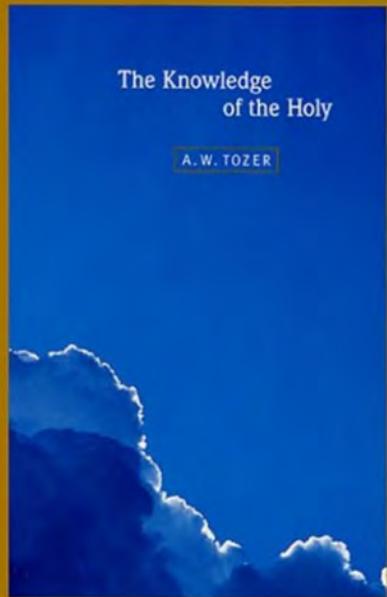


The Knowledge
of the Holy

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What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. The history of mankind will probably show that no people has ever risen above its religion, and man's spiritual history will positively demonstrate that no religion has ever been greater than its idea of God. Worship is as pure or base as the worshiper entertains high or low thoughts of God. For this reason the gravest question before the Church is always God Himself, and the most portentous fact about any man is not what he at a given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like.



~ A. W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, chapter 1.

Luke 9:51

When the days drew near for him to be taken up,
he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

The Gospel of
LUKE

Setting His Face to Jerusalem
Luke 9:51 to Luke 19:44

Luke 11:1-13

¹One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

Luke 11:1-13

²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

" 'Father,

hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation.' "

Luke 11:1-13

⁵Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ ⁷And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’”

Luke 11:1-13

⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

Luke 11:1-13

⁹“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Luke 11:1-13

¹¹“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Today's Message:

“Lord, Teach us to Pray (Part 1):

Who do you pray to?”

Luke 11:1-13

Luke on Prayer

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Luke 1:10-13

⁸Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, ⁹he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. ¹¹Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense.

Luke on Prayer

Luke 1:10-13

¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John.

Luke on Prayer

Luke 2:36-37

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,
³⁷and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.

Luke on Prayer

Luke 3:21-22

²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven:
“You are my Son, whom I love;
with you I am well pleased.”

Luke on Prayer

Luke 5:15-16

¹⁵Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. ¹⁶But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Luke on Prayer

Luke 6:12

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.

Luke on Prayer

Luke 6:27-28

²⁷“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”

Luke on Prayer

Luke 9:18

Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them,
“Who do the crowds say I am?”

Luke on Prayer

Luke 9:28

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray.

The Question

Luke 11:1

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The “Disciples Prayer”

Luke 11:2-4

²He said to them, “When you pray, say:

“ ‘Father,

hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation.’ ”

The One to Address

Luke 11:2

²He said to them, “When you pray, say:

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your kingdom come.

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Deuteronomy 32:6

⁶ Is this the way you repay the LORD,
you foolish and unwise people?
Is he not your Father, your Creator,
who made you and formed you?

Isaiah 64:8-9

⁸Yet you, LORD, are our Father.

We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD;
do not remember our sins forever.

Oh, look on us, we pray,
for we are all your people.

Psalm 103:13

¹³As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him: ¹⁴for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

Luke 10:21-22

²¹At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. ²²“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

Against this pre-Christian Jewish background, the use of 'abbā' or *páter* is regarded as “striking and unusual” and even “quite extraordinary” (W. G. Kümmel, *Theology of the New Testament*, 40). Even if one takes into consideration all the rabbinical references to God as Father from “ancient Palestinian Judaism” collected by J. Jeremias (*Prayers*, 16–29), one is struck by his conclusion: “*There is as yet no evidence in the literature of ancient Palestinian Judaism that ‘my Father’ is used as a personal address to God*” (*Prayers*, 29).

~ Joseph A. Fitzmyer, *The Gospel according to Luke I–IX: Introduction, Translation, and Notes*, vol. 28, Anchor Yale Bible (New Haven; London: Yale University Press, 2008), 903



But there is more — the word Jesus used for Father was not a formal word. It was the common Aramaic word with which a child would address his father — “*Abba*.” The great German New Testament scholar Joachim Jeremias, perhaps the most respected New Testament scholar of his generation, has argued convincingly that *Abba* was the original word on Jesus’ lips here in the Lord’s Prayer ... The word *Abba* was also the word Jesus regularly used to address his earthly father, Joseph, from the time Jesus was a baby until Joseph’s death.



Everyone used the word, but as the careful examination of other literature of the time shows, it was never used for God – under any circumstances. *Abba* meant something like “Daddy” – but with a more reverent touch than we use it. The best rendering is “Dearest Father.”



~ R. Kent Hughes, *Luke: That You May Know the Truth*, Preaching the Word, 81.

The First Request

Luke 11:1-13

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Exodus 20:7

**“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God,
for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless
who misuses his name.”**

Exodus 33:7-34:10

⁷Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the “tent of meeting”. Anyone inquiring of the LORD would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. ⁸And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. ⁹As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the LORD spoke with Moses. ¹⁰Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshipped, each at the entrance to his tent. ¹¹The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young assistant Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.

Exodus 33:7-34:10

¹²Moses said to the LORD, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’ ¹³If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.” ¹⁴The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” ¹⁵Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

Exodus 33:7-34:10

¹⁷And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”

¹⁸Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”

¹⁹And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”

Exodus 33:7-34:10

²¹Then the LORD said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²²When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.”

Exodus 33:7-34:10

¹The LORD said to Moses, “Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. ²Be ready in the morning, and then come up on Mount Sinai. Present yourself to me there on top of the mountain. ³No one is to come with you or be seen anywhere on the mountain; not even the flocks and herds may graze in front of the mountain.” ⁴So Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the LORD had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands.

Exodus 33:7-34:10

⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. ⁶And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.”

How God Describes Himself

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Exodus 33:7-34:10

⁸Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshipped. ⁹“O Lord, if I have found favor in your eyes,” he said, “then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance.” ¹⁰Then the LORD said: “I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the LORD, will do for you.

Ezekiel 36:22-23

²²“Therefore say to the Israelites, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: It is not for your sake, people of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. ²³I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Sovereign LORD, when I am proved holy through you before their eyes.



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be your name

If you can't go to church and at least for a moment be given transcendence, if you can't pass briefly from this life into the next, then I can't see why anyone should go. Just a brief moment of transcendence causes you to come out of church a changed person.

~ *Garrison Keillor*, (Interview with "Wittenberg Door")







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Luke 11:11-13

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GOD IS GOOD
ALL THE TIME

Gospel Application

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