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The Gospel of
LUKE

Setting His Face to Jerusalem

Luke 9:51 to Luke 19:44

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

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.' "

Three Week Series
“Lord, Teach us to Pray”

Luke 11:1-13

(Part 1): Who do you pray to?

(Part 2): What do you pray?

(Part 3): How do you pray?

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Gospel Stories



A Change of Heart For Missions & People

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Loved in My Brokenness

I was 4 years old when my dad left my mom, brother and me. My freshman year of college I finally admitted that the absence of my dad



Meeting Jesus, a Personal God

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Attempting to locate Jesus in a place of subjugation to Satan, some in the crowds venture to paint Jesus as nothing more than a magician, a false prophet, a deviant not to be taken seriously (cf. 7:33)...Interestingly, the fact of Jesus' exorcism is not under scrutiny, only the source of Jesus' authority (Beelzebul?) and the possibility of his receiving indisputable sanction from God (sign-seeking, "from heaven").

~Joel Green, New International Commentary
of the New Testament , The Gospel of Luke



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"A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved—I do not expect the house to fall—but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing, or all the other."

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Mark 3:28-29

28 Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, 29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.”

God's finger was touching them; God was speaking to them. What they had just witnessed was a direct, unambiguous, demonstration of the Holy Spirit. Now they must make life's ultimate judgment; and they were at the point of making a decision which once deliberately made would be irreversible and would make deliverance forever impossible. Reject the Holy Spirit, call Ultimate Good evil, call Truth himself ... a lie, and God himself has no further evidence left, nothing further left to say.... God himself is reduced to silence.

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Exodus 8:16-17

16 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the ground,’ and throughout the land of Egypt the dust will become gnats.” 17 They did this, and when Aaron stretched out his hand with the staff and struck the dust of the ground, gnats came on people and animals. All the dust throughout the land of Egypt became gnats.

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Exodus 8:18-19

18 But when the magicians tried to produce gnats by their secret arts, they could not. Since the gnats were on people and animals everywhere, 19 the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hard and he would not listen, just as the Lord had said.

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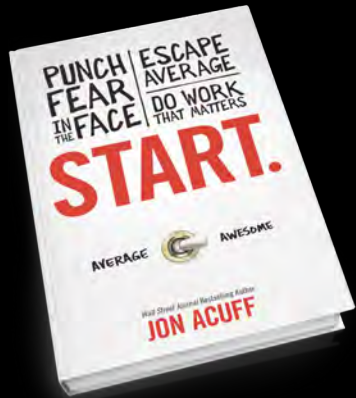
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No one has a positive internal voice. Most people believe the internal voice is telling them the truth. We've heard them for so long that we trust them. We think it's looking out for us, that it has our best interest in mind. We think it's trying to protect us or help us, and that it's our friend. It's not.



Jon Acuff
Start. 2013.



Think of it like this. The Devil has no foothold in you. Think of the Devil as a mountain climber. The Devil is trying to get up into your soul. It's anger, it's pride, and it's your flesh, which are the only footholds he has. The way in which you deal with demonic possession is to find out what the footholds are. What are the footholds (in your life)?

~ Keller, Timothy
The Timothy Keller Sermon Archive. 2013.
New York City: Redeemer Presbyterian Church.



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Jesus' third teaching

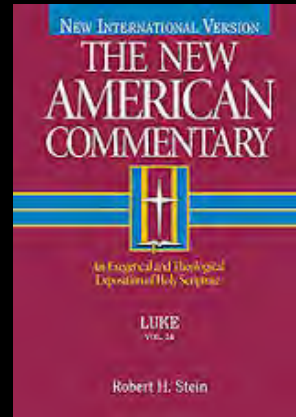
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This verse applies the truth of the pericope both to Jesus' listeners and to Luke's readers:

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R.H. Stein,
Luke (Vol. 24, pp. 217–221),
Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers



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Jesus is saying to his religious hearers that self-reformation without regeneration and the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit is fatal. Temporary moral reformation is inadequate. Anyone who purges evil but puts nothing in its place is in grave moral danger...

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



...This emphasizes the utter danger in today's postmodern world, with its profound inwardness and focus upon self, of employing techniques and technologies that leave a house swept clean and in apparent order *and yet empty*. If a man or woman is empty and without God, any sin, any perversion, is possible. A vacuum has to be filled with something. And if it is not the Spirit of God, there is no telling what it will be.

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