

5. (a) What happened to Jesus' adversaries in Luke 13:17? _____
(b) What was the people's reaction? _____

6. According to Luke 13:13, how did Jesus heal this woman? _____

*EXAMPLES OF IMPORTUNITY IN PRAYER:

- (1) Abraham (Genesis 18:23-32)
- (2) Jacob (Genesis 32:24-29)
- (3) Moses (Exodus 32:32; Deuteronomy 9:25)
- (4) Gideon (Judges 6:36-40)
- (5) Hannah (I Samuel 1:10-18)
- (6) Solomon (I Kings 8:22-30)
- (7) Ezra (Ezra 9:5-6)
- (8) Nehemiah (Nehemiah 1:4-6)
- (9) David (Psalm 55:1, 16-17; 141:1,2)
- (10) Daniel (Daniel 9:3-19)
- (11) A Gentile woman (Matthew 15:22-28)
- (12) A widow (Luke 18:1-8)

TWENTY SIXTH STUDY

PEREAN MINISTRY CONTINUED

JESUS TEACHES ABOUT PRAYER (Luke 11:5-13)

A friend...at midnight (Luke 11:5): Here Jesus uses a parable to illustrate an important view of prayer and an important truth about prayer. Night travel in Palestine was common because of the intense heat of the day, so that his friend's arrival at midnight is by no means unusual.

Lend me three loaves: One loaf was for the guest; one for the host, who must sit at the table and eat with the guest; and the third is a reserve loaf. The third loaf gives the impression of plenty, and a prevention of embarrassment to the guest so he wouldn't think he was eating his host's last loaf of bread.

1. What did Jesus say would be the man's answer? (Luke 11:7) _____

2. Why, though, did Jesus say the man would rise up and give him as many as he needed? (Luke 11:8) _____

Now we come to the main point of this parable. Even where friendship is weak, importunity produces results. Importunity means forwardness. If importunity brings results from a not-so-close friend, how much more will persistent prayer bring

results from an all-loving God. Continuous effort in prayer is not an act of discourtesy toward God. Continually seeking God, shows faith in God and realization that our only hope is in Him.

3. Name the 3 degrees of prayer taught in Luke 11:9,10, . (1)_____ (2)_____ (3)_____

Jesus taught that one should persist through all three stages and degrees of prayer, when desiring from the Heavenly Father the Holy Spirit or other good things; and that the Father is far more willing to give good gifts to His children than earthly parents are to give to their children. (Luke 11:11-13)

PARABLE OF THE WATCHING SERVANTS (Luke 12:35-38; Matthew 25:14; Mark 13:34)

As Jesus is speaking to His disciples concerning their privilege in prayer, His thoughts turn toward the hour of His second coming. Having our loins girded and our lights burning, refers to: our faithful witness unto the end our and constant readiness to leave this world.

And now in verse 37, He gives the disciples an amazing prophetic word concerning the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb". He will serve them. He will serve us also.

MEN TO REPENT, NOT JUDGE (Luke 13:1-5)

Certain people told Jesus that Pilate had killed some of the Galileans and mingled their blood with the sacrifices that were being offered in the temple.

1. In Luke 13:2, Jesus answered them with a question. What was it? _____

2. Did Jesus say these Galileans were sinners? (Luke 13:3) _____
3. In Luke 13:3, what did Jesus say to them, personally? _____

Jesus was saying, that the calamity of these Galileans can not compare to hell.

PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE (Luke 13:6-9)

1. Of whom do you think the fig tree is a symbol ? _____

The owner of the vineyard represents God; the vinedresser represents Christ or the Holy Spirit; and the fig tree represents national Israel.

It's either God's way or no way!

WOMAN LOOSED FROM SATAN (Luke 13:10-17)

1. As Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath Day, a woman who was so stooped over that she *was bowed together* was in the congregation.

(a) What kind of spirit did Jesus say she had?

(Luke 13:11) _____

(b) How long had she been that way? _____

2. What did Jesus do again that seems to get Him into so much trouble? (Luke 13:12-14) _____

3. What did Jesus call the ruler of the synagogue in Luke 13:15? _____

4. Who does Jesus blame for this woman's condition? (Luke 13:16) _____