

## The Gospel of Luke 10:1–11:13

### How to experience God

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### Structure of Luke's Gospel

- 1 Preface: Sponsor, method and purpose.
- 2 Birth narratives: Dawn of the promised new era.
- 3 John's mission: Introduce the Messiah.
- 4 Jesus' mission: Messiah's message and work.
- 5 **Journey: Messianic signs and teaching. Luke 9:51**
- 6 Jerusalem: Confront Israelite and Roman rulers.
- 7 Crucifixion: Last supper, arrest, trials, death.
- 8 Resurrection: Alive, appearance, and proofs.
- 9 Ascension: Gives Holy Spirit, mission to nations.

### How to experience God

1. Through obedience. 10:1-20
2. Through his Holy Spirit: 10:21-24
3. Through showing kindness: 10:25-27
4. Through Jesus' teaching: 10:38-42
5. Through persistent prayer: 10:1-13

### Experience God through obedience, Luke 10:1-20

### Read Luke 10:1-20

In place of '72', Some mss from the 5th century and later read '70'.

### Jesus' evangelism/mission guidelines

- 1 Appoint & send 2x2, 1 — Mother church
- 2 Pray for workers, 2 — Daughter churches
- 3 work with households, 5 — Family systems
- 4 Seek peace-makers, 6 — Local leaders
- 5 Accept hospitality, 7 — Self-supporting
- 6 Not move around, 7 — Avoid distractions
- 7 Enter towns, 8 — Strategic planning
- 8 Heal the sick, 9 — Ask boldly
- 9 Expel demons, 17 — Command boldly
- 10 Leave rejecters, 10-12 — Not to waste time
- 11 Authority over evil — Spiritual warfare
- 12 Those who listen, 16 — Spirit conviction
- 13 Return and report, 17 — Coach & train
- 14 Rejoice to be saved, 20 — Worders glad

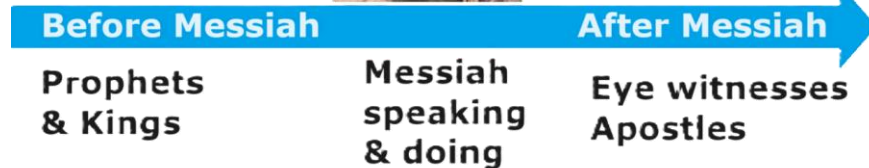
## Experience God through his Holy Spirit, Luke 10:21-24

### Read Luke 10:21-24

- **Eyes:** These men and women would later serve as eye-witnesses to Jesus' words and deeds.

### Jesus and the Holy Spirit

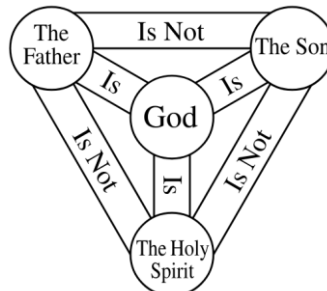
- "The birth of Jesus, ... his mother Mary was ... with child of the Holy Spirit." Mt 1:18
- God anointed Jesus ... with the Holy Spirit ... doing good and healing. Ac 10:38
- "Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, ... was led by the Spirit." Lk 4:1
- Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father." Lk 10:21
- "Jesus spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him ... receive." Jn 7:39
- I shall send to you ... the Spirit of truth ..., He will testify of Me." Jn 15:23
- "Repent, ... be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ ...; and you shall receive ... the Holy Spirit." Ac 2:38
- "No one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit." 1 Co 12:3



### The Holy Trinity = One God

- The Father: God **invisible** in heaven, unique, eternal, sovereign Creator
- Jesus the Son: God **visible** on earth as Messiah, Saviour and Lord.
- Holy Spirit: God **invisible** in and amongst us Christians, promise of resurrection.

● In Latin theology, these three were called *personae*, which means "masks." Theologians later formulated this in a diagram:



Experience God through persistent prayer, Luke 11:1-13

Read Luke 11:1-4

Matthew 8

<sup>9</sup> Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
<sup>10</sup> your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
<sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.  
<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.

[For yours is the kingdom and the  
power and the glory forever. Amen.]

Luke 11

<sup>2</sup> Father,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come.  
<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.  
<sup>4</sup> Forgive us our sins,  
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.  
And lead us not into temptation.

Observe

- What is it that Jesus is teaching to pray? A liturgy to recite? Or a model to emulate?
- Every phrase in Jesus' prayer is taken from the Tanakh (the First Testament). Sanctify, Isa 29:23. Kingdom, Zech 14:9. Daily bread, Exo 16:4. Forgive sins, Num 14:19. Not to test, Deut 6:16.

Standard advice on prayer

- If you are bored, then you are not praying.
- If you cannot think up what to say, then quote this prayer to prime your pump. Then try listening for unusual ideas.
- Identify somebody's need, think of a Bible text that talks about that need, remind God of that text, then ask him to meet the need.
- Always ask God to do something that only he can do.
- God, angels and demons are listening, so mix in some short thanks and praise.
- Never try to protect God's reputation by weakening your prayer requests.

Read Luke 11:5-8

Importunity

- If you are serious about your requests to God, then keep 'reminding' him until he acts.
- In your phone's Notes app, start a list of urgent needs or long-term request.
- Some manuscripts read 'the door opens.'
- The Greek original has these commands as continuous-action verbs.

Read Luke 11:9-13

- The Holy Spirit: A few manuscript from the 5th century read "good things" from Matt 7:11.

A.S.K.!

- A.** Keep asking God to give or do only what he can give or do. He will.
- S.** Keep seeking for the opportunities that you are asking for. They will come.
- K.** Keep knocking when needs seem urgent.

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! In an emergency, Just shout, “Lord, Help!” For he will not feel offended.