The Lord Teaches Us to Pray

(Luke 11:1)

Introduction:

- 1. This morning we emphasized the principle that "men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1).
- 2. This evening we are basing our lesson on the request made in Luke 11:1: "Lord, teach us to pray."
- 3. We are covering a number of verses in which "the Lord teaches us to pray."

Discussion:

- I. THE LORD RESPONDED BY GIVING HIS MODEL PRAYER (Luke 11:2-4)
 - A. Jesus addressed His prayer to the Father, showing great respect and reverence.
 - B. Jesus taught His followers to pray:
 - 1. for the coming kingdom
 - 2. for the Father's will to be done
 - 3. for daily needs
 - 4. for forgiveness
 - 5. for help with temptation
 - 6. for deliverance from evil.
- II. THE LORD TEACHES US TO PRAY THROUGH HIS EXAMPLE
 - A. Jesus prayed when special events occurred.
 - 1. He prayed at His baptism (Luke 3:21).
 - 2. He prayed at His transfiguration (Luke 9:28-29).
 - B. Jesus prayed in seclusion after doing a great work (Luke 5:16).
 - C. Jesus prayed before making an important decision (Luke 6:12).
 - D. Jesus prayed for Peter (Luke 22:31-32).
 - E. Jesus prayed before He faced His great trial (Luke 22:41-44).
 - F. Jesus prayed while receiving cruel treatment (Luke 23:34; Matthew 5:43-48).
 - G. Jesus prayed when His life ended (Luke 23:46).
 - H. We can learn much from the occasions when Jesus prayed.

Conclusion:

- 1. Prayer is a special privilege for God's children.
- 2. Let us pursue this great blessing as the Lord taught us.