

- ↳ What is your attitude in prayer? Jesus gives us a very clear lesson on our prayer attitude in Luke 11. Again, prayer is not giving God advice, heaven isn't lacking information; prayer isn't a voting process and heaven isn't a democracy. The will of God is fixed because His knowledge is fixed, He's not learning anything. Our will cannot be fixed because we lack greatly in the information department. God is not like that God can't learn because there is nothing that He doesn't already know. So, why pray if God already knows and His will is already fixed? First of all because He told us to, and, secondly, because we are the means to His will. His will is a fixture, an absolute that everything is headed towards, and we are the instruments through which He accomplishes that will. His angels aren't spreading the gospel, making disciples, or interceding for our world, it's us; it's all on us.
- ↳ Why pray? Because we have a ton of responsibility and purpose in God's will being done. We are more than servants in that "will," we are His children "When you pray, say 'Father'". No other being is able to call Him Father that other than Jesus Himself that is a very high-ranking position He has put us in. With rank comes responsibility. Why do we pray?, because we are responsible!! We have to get busy interceding for our world because there is nobody to do it but us.
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☒ **Jesus teaches us the attitude and action of prayer in funny little earthy story of a man asking for bread Luke 11:5-10.**

- ✓ Let's step back and get a broad picture of this passage and its message. The only true God, the living God, and the God of the Bible is not like all the other gods that have been invented by people and demons. No god of any religion past or present is approachable; people modeled their gods after the attitudes and actions of the monarchs of their day. Their kings were unapproachable and uncaring as in Esther 4:11. You had to have a really good reason to see the king even if you were his wife! Hear what Jesus is saying, the real God is nothing like that, He's approachable, you don't have to have a good reason, it doesn't have to make sense or matter to anybody but you.
- ✓ Jesus teaches us to come persistently. Jesus teaches us to come stupidly. "God, this is going to sound stupid, but..." yep, it will quite often, how can a child always know how to ask the right things? He can't! You don't have to have a good reason to come to the King! Jesus teaches to come boldly: Hebrews 4:16. In the world, you only came to kings when you were invited, you came delicately, bowed, eyes to the floor, crawling. You certainly didn't come demanding anything. God is not like that you can go in any time and not interrupt Him! We pray like such wimps who haven't any access and who have no promises to rely on, Psalm 17:1-2; 6-7; 13.

Our problem is that, just like the lost people and the demons, we make God out to be just like us. Sinners don't want to be bothered because we are selfish. God is not a sinner and not selfish, He wants you to bother Him! Sinners don't want you to remind them the rules, not even their own rules. God is not like us; He loves for you to quote His own words back to him, Psalm 17:6-7. God loves to hear that His children have been listening to Him, **"You made the promise Father, You said to come, You said to ask what was on My heart, You said to be bold, so here I am."**
