

## **The Gospel of Luke**

### **Prayer in the Garden**

Luke 22:39-46

1. **Anticipation: The Occasion for Jesus' Prayer** (cf. v.42)

Jesus' hour has come (Jn. 16:30; cf. Jn. 7:30; 8:20). He understands, and has clearly spoken about, the scope and specificity of His suffering which will begin directly following this brief respite.

2. **Temptation: Jesus' Command to His Disciples Prayer** (Luke 22:40, 46)

Jesus had filled this evening with prayer, instruction, and activities which were intended to prepare the disciples for what was about to take place. Beyond their inability to fully grasp all that He had said, they were filled with grief (v.45; cf. Jn. 16:19-22). Jesus instructs them to diligently pray so that they may not sin (e.g. Lk. 11:4; cf. Mt. 26:38, 40; Mk. 14:37-38, 41). Enduring temptation is not sinful (Heb. 4:15), but entering into temptation is (1 Cor. 10:13; 1 Ti. 6:9; 2 Pt. 2:9).

3. **Supplication: Jesus' Prayer to His Father** (Luke 22:42)

The apostles were not alone in their distress (v.46) as Jesus was deeply grieved with the reality of all that was about to occur (Mt. 26:37-38).

A. **The Loving Object of His Prayer** (v.42; Mk. 14:36 cf. Lk. 11:2)

Jesus was not making a request of a wicked ruler (Lk. 18:1-5) or an inconvenienced friend (Lk. 11:5-8), but of a loving Father (Lk. 11:11-13). Regardless of any other consideration, Jesus was absolutely confident in the love and care that the Father has for Him.

B. **The Basis of Confidence for His Prayer** (cf. Lk. 11:3; e.g. Mk. 14:36)

The power and ability of God is unfathomable. He created the world (Ex. 20:11) and He is constrained by nothing that is in the world that He created (Dan. 4:34-35). Jesus has no doubts about God's ability to do mighty and great things (cf. Mk. 9:22-25).

C. **The Repetitive Fervency of His Prayer** (Luke 22:43-45)

While the disciples failed to watch and pray, Jesus remained dedicated to bringing His cares before the Father (vs.45-46; cf. Mt. 26:39, 42, 44; Mk. 14:37, 40-41). Jesus models the dedicated and habitual prayer for which all believers are to emulate (cf. 1 Th. 5:16-18; Phil. 4:6-7)

D. **The Earnest Desire of His Prayer** (Lk. 11:2; Mt. 6:10)

Above all, even more His own comfort or the avoidance of suffering and wrath that He does not deserve (Isa. 53:8, 11-12), Jesus submits His own will to the will of the Father in order to accomplish the plan of the triune God (cf. Acts. 2:23).