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FATHERS DAY MESSAGE
THE BEST FATHER'S DAY GIFT A MAN COULD ASK FOR

Text:

Luke 11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Luke 11:10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Luke 11:11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

Luke 11:12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

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A few days ago my wife asked me what I wanted for Father's day. I didn't answer her. So she kept bugging me. Usually I say, "What I want you can't afford." The reason I don't answer is because I am usually the one buying things or giving. That is in the nature of a man.

My wife tells the story of her Father one day looking at her counting money and getting upset that she was counting money towards her. He took the money from her and said don't count your money like a woman count it like a man. She said what do you mean daddy? He said a woman counts her money towards her and a man counts it away from him. Today she laughs at that because she got the Italian innuendo, a man is always giving and a woman is taking.

This morning I gave all the men of the church s special gift for Father's day. We like to give gifts for special occasions. Mothers day, Father's day, Birthdays, Christmas, etc.. This morning I want to talk to you about a Father's day gift that every person in the world needs, that only God can give. In fact the Bible says, God wants to give us this gift and will not refuse to give it to us. It is a gift that no amount of money can purchase.

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A GREAT FATHER'S DAY GIFT FROM GOD

If we read the context of this passage.. we would see that the Lord is answering a question that his disciples asked him.

Luke 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

Luke 11:2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

This is the great passage where the Lord teaches his disciples how to pray, what to pray, etc.

Note as an intro to this message:

Jesus taught His disciples to address God as their Father in Heaven.

1. The analogy of prayer is made like a child asking his father for a gift.. JESUS WAS TEACHING HIS DISCIPLES THE BEST GIFT TO ASK FOR.

Fatherhood and giving and providing go hand in hand.
Every Father should be a giver and provider for his family.

That is why when my wife and children asked me what I wanted for Christmas, or Birthday, or Fathers day, I usually can't give them an answer. For so many years it was I who was giving. It gets strange to be on the receiving end.

Jesus said: Just as a child asks his Father for things, so too, when we pray to God we should address Him as our heavenly Father.

1. All we as Fathers would naturally not turn down our children for good things they need and want if it is in our ability to give them to them.

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Bread / Give a stone.

Fish / Serpent.

Egg / Scorpion.

Milk / Would you give them Tabasco Sauce.

We would give our children things they need and want.

2. Note: Jesus says even though we are sinners, this is still the case.

Luke 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children:
We are evil, meaning we are sinners, inclined to do evil.

None of us are intrinsically good. We sin and prone to sin.

3. Jesus says that we could expect that our heavenly Father would even more give us the Holy Spirit.

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God giving us The Holy spirit would be like us giving our children.

Bread.

Milk.
Eggs.
Hamburger. Hot dog. Etc..

NOTE: THERE ARE TWO TIMES WE RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.

A. The Holy Spirit is given To A Person At The Time Of Their Salvation.

***a. At Salvation: The Holy Spirit is given to everyone that is saved.
This is what it means to be Born of the Spirit or Born Again.***

In fact without the Holy Spirit, no man can be saved. This is what it means to be Born again.

Romans 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Romans 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

When we receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior God sends His spirit into our hearts and this makes us alive unto God..

Ephesians 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

JOH 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

JOH 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

b. The Bible calls this being sealed in the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

II Corinthians 1:22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

II Corinthians 5:5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

When a person is saved, they receive God's seal which consists of receiving His Holy Spirit.

Now the Lord wants men to come to Him and be saved, and we certainly invite people to receive Christ, but is that what our Lord was referring to? It may be true in a sense, (*i.e. He invites all men to be saved*) but actually I think he is referring to those who are already His children.

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B. SECONDLY: THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GIVEN FOR SANCTIFICATION.

The Bible says,

Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Galatians 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. This is referring to a person who already is saved, born again, sealed, etc.. This is what I believe the Lord is talking about.

God wants His children to be filled with the Spirit of God.
God wants us to walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh.

What Father would not give his son a slice of bread, or a fish, or egg, or some milk, if they ask for it.

As our text says,

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Then our Lord says, would we not give our children that which is good for them? Would we give them a stone if they asked for bread?
Would we give them a serpent if they ask for a fish?
Would we give them a scorpion if they asked for an egg?

Notice the analogy: how often would your child want something to eat, fish, egg, etc.? So too, how often should we pray to be filled and led of His Holy Spirit

Note: It is not something you just ask for once and for all.
This is not salvation, but sanctification.

Salvation, we get once. We are adopted into the family of God.

When my kids were young, almost every morning it seemed I hear them call, Dad, could you get some milk at the country store?

Message this morning is why the greatest Father's day gift you need is the Holy Spirit of God and it is a gift you need to keep asking and asking for. We need continually ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit of God.

II. The Reason The Holy Spirit Is So Important a gift is because we are evil and without the Spirit of God we can do no good.

John 16:8 And when He is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

John 16:9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

John 16:10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

John 16:11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

John 16:12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

John 16:14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

John 16:15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

1. *It is the Holy Spirit of God that convicts us of sin and evil.*

John 16:8 He the Holy Spirit will reprove the world of sin.

The Spirit of God not only convicts His children but He also convicts the world of sin.

We by nature are evil sinners. When we ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit we will become sensitive to sin.

Do you pray to be filled and led of the Holy Spirit every day.

Without this filling you will be desensitized to sin.

Sin is sin.. and if we have the same Holy Spirit of God he will convict us of sin.

Without the Spirit of God you will not be convicted and will have no sensitivity to sin, and therefore you will commit sin, which will ultimately hurt your spiritual life, and in time your physical life too.

This is why some people can commit the gross sin and never seem to be guilty or convicted. Guilt and conviction comes by the Holy Spirit of God. People who have not the spirit and have tuned out the spirit of God will feel no conviction and will go on their merry way.

Like a man who feels no pain, it may seem good but ultimately it will destroy them.

2. *The Holy Spirit Teaches us:*

John 16:12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

Some truth people cannot bear, they cannot bear or receive it because they have not the spirit to receive it.

The Bible is a boring book of mumbo jumbo to those who do not have the spirit. of God.

We need the spirit of God to have an appetite for the word of God. There is no appetite where there is no spirit.

You need the spirit of God or you will lose an appetite for the word of God.

I've known people who have gotten sick and lost their appetite to eat. Many of these people have just died withered away!

3. The Holy Spirit of God Guides into all truth.

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

The Spirit of God is our personal tutor in the truth. Without the spirit we cannot know the things of God, the Bible is a mystery to us.

We need the spirit of God to guide and direct us.

Sometimes it is the Spirit that will guide us also to others who can help us and direct us.

Many times the answer we need is available but we are not walking in the spirit to be guided, and so we miss the answer.

It was the Spirit that Guided Phillip to the Ethiopian Eunuch and the Eunuch to Phillip.

How many times, it is that the Spirit would guide us to a book or a sermon or a church service, but we in our carnal state are too out of tune with the spirit to listen!

4. The Holy Spirit of God is what causes us to be fruitful for God.

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16:14 He shall glorify me. God wants us to glorify Him, but we cannot without being filled of the Spirit.

5. We cannot bear fruit without the spirit of God.

John 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

John 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

We cannot serve God.

We cannot do anything of any lasting fruit.

III. ONLY THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN WE AVOID DOING EVIL.

Part of His guiding and leading is to remove us from temptation's way.

If then you being evil; we by nature are sinners.
When we don't sin it is a surprise.

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He will show you things to come.

The spirit of God will warn us of danger.

Jesus said when you pray pray, LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION.

Luke 11:2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Luke 11:3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

Luke 11:4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. ***And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.***

This Father's day each of us need a gift from our heavenly Father, and that is the Holy Spirit who will guide us in all truth.

Sometimes the spirit will make us uncomfortable about certain things.

We will sin without the guidance of the spirit of God.

When Abraham took Sarah to Gerar, he told Sarah to say that she was his sister because he was afraid that the men of the city would kill him for his wife.

Then the Bible says that Abimelech the king of Gerar, had a dream and God warned him that he was about to die because of Sarah.

Genesis 20:3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife.

Genesis 20:4 But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation?

Genesis 20:5 Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this.

Genesis 20:6 And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

Genesis 20:7 Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.

Genesis 20:8 Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid.

Genesis 20:9 Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.

God through His Spirit can guide us and withhold us from sinning.

David and Bathsheba is an illustration of how even the best of God's servants, if left to their own sinful inclinations would sin.

This Father's day, every Father needs to ask his Heavenly Father for the filling and gift of the Holy Spirit.

We are evil and without the Spirit of God we will not do right but we will follow our evil inclinations.

Only by His spirit can we do right.
Only by His spirit will we serve him.
Only by His spirit will we understand
Only by His spirit will we be guided from evil.
Only by His spirit will we be fruitful.

If our children ask for milk , bread, food.

Will we not give it to them.

So daily we need to ask for this manna from Heaven.
Every morning we should pray to the Lord, LORD HELP ME TO WALK IN THE SPIRIT, today.

Invitation.

Fathers, will you ask for this gift., like bread, like milk, like a hamburger? So too, we need to ask our heavenly father for this gift and filling.