



Luke 3,4

Praying with Jesus
Knowing Who You Are



Luke 3:

21 ¶ Now it came about when all the people were baptized, that Jesus also was baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well-pleased."

When we come to prayer..



- Prayer is the chief thing, many fail here...
WHY?
 - Time and distractions... yes... the enemy knows we must be kept from this!
 - Fear – both of ourselves and of God
 - Expectations – having that “un-worthy” feeling about God
 - Sin – when we are not WANTING to talk to Him...
 - “we don’t know how to pray...” Paul! Romans 8

Samuel Chadwick



“The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray.”

What about Jesus?



- Prayer started even before He was born!
 - Elizabeth and Zacharias prayed – Luke 1:13ff
 - His mother prayed... Luke 1:48ff
 - Anna and Simeon – Luke 2:25ff
 - And what of Joseph, the Magi, the Shepherds?
- If Jesus needed so much prayer...

What about Jesus?



- Knowing all things need to be fulfilled
 - 30 years in his family, just living day to day...
 - Yet, the fire of God is in Him!
 - He prays, the Father answers!
- You need to pray to **KNOW WHO YOU ARE!**
 - Jesus needed this above all...



Luke 4:

3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." 6 And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. 7 "Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours." 9 And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here; 10 for it is written, 'HE WILL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE CONCERNING YOU TO GUARD YOU,' 11 and, 'ON their HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, LEST YOU STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" "

What does FATHER say?



- “This is MY” – you belong to HIM!
- “My Beloved” – you are LOVED!
- “I am Well Pleased” – because of...

JESUS



- **YOU need to pray:**
 - To **KNOW WHO** you are
 - To **KNOW** that you are **LOVED**
 - To **KNOW** God is pleased with you...
 - **Expectations? They are in and of CHRIST!**