

## Luke 11: key words

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach **us** to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your **kingdom** come. Give **us** each day **our** daily bread. And forgive **us our** sins, for **we ourselves** forgive everyone indebted to **us**. And do not bring **us** to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a **friend**, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, '**Friend**, lend me three loaves of bread; for a **friend** of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his **friend**, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, **Ask**, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who **asks** receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child **asks** for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child **asks** for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are **evil**, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who **ask** him!"

Now he was casting out a **demon** that was mute; when the **demon** had gone out, the one who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed. But some of them said, "He casts out **demons** by Beelzebul, the ruler of the **demons**." Others, to test him, kept demanding from him a sign from heaven. But he knew what they were thinking and said to them, "Every **kingdom** divided against itself becomes a desert, and house falls on house. If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his **kingdom** stand? --for you say that I cast out the **demons** by Beelzebul. Now if I cast out the **demons** by Beelzebul, by whom do your exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out the **demons**, then the **kingdom** of God has come to you.

"When a strong man, fully armed, guards his castle, his property is safe. But when one stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his plunder. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting place, but not finding any, it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came!' When it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more **evil** than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first."

While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!"

When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, "This **generation** is an **evil generation**; it **asks** for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. For just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so the Son of Man will be to this **generation**. The queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the people of this **generation** and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and see, something greater than Solomon is here! The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this **generation** and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and see, something greater than Jonah is here!

"No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar, but on the lampstand so that those who enter may see the **light**. Your eye is the lamp of your body. If your eye is single, your whole body is **full of light**; but if it is **evil**, your body is full of darkness. Therefore consider whether the **light** in you is not darkness. If then your whole body is **full of light**, with no part of it in darkness, it will be as **full of light** as when a lamp gives you **light** with its rays."

While he was speaking, a Pharisee invited him to dine with him; so he went in and took his place at the table. The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not first wash before dinner. Then the Lord said to him, "Now you **Pharisees** clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and **evilness**. You fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? So give for alms those things that are within; and see, everything will be clean for you. "But **woe** to you **Pharisees**! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds, and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practiced, without neglecting the others. **Woe** to you **Pharisees**! For you love to have the seat of honor in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces. **Woe** to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without realizing it." One of the **lawyers** answered him, "Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us too." And he said, "**Woe** also to you **lawyers**! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not lift a finger to ease them. **Woe** to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your ancestors **killed**. So you are witnesses and approve of the deeds of your ancestors; for they **killed** them, and you build their tombs. Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they **will kill** and persecute,' so that this **generation** may be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be charged against this **generation**. **Woe** to you **lawyers**! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering."

When he went outside, the scribes and the **Pharisees** began to be very hostile toward him and to cross-examine him about many things, lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.