MIRACLES & PARABLES OF JESUS

“Who Do You Think You Are?”

LUKE 11:1-13 (ESV)

The Friend at Midnight (Vs. 5-13) [Parable]

ESV = English standard version
CJB = complete Jewish Bible
COMPARISON:

Matthew 6:5-13 (ESV) - “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

7 “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us this day our daily bread, 12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Luke 11 (ESV)

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”\(^2\) And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.

"ELOHIM" (or Elohay) is the first name for God found in the Bible, and it's used throughout the Old Testament over 2,300 times. Elohim comes from the Hebrew root meaning "strength" or "power" and has the unusual characteristic of being plural in form. In Genesis 1:1, we read, "In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth." Right from the start, this plural form for the name of God is used to describe the One God, a mystery that is uncovered throughout the rest of the Bible.

"YHVH"[YHWH] is the Hebrew word that translates as "LORD". Found more often in the Old Testament than any other name for God (approximately 7,000 times), the title is also referred to as the "Tetragrammaton," meaning the "The Four Letters".

Here are some examples of YHVH used in scripture: Exodus 3 & 6

YHVH Elohim - LORD God: (Genesis 2:4).

YHVH M'kadesh - The LORD Who Makes Holy: (Ezekiel 37:28).

YHVH Yireh - The LORD Who Sees/provides: (Genesis 22:14).
YHVH Nissi - The LORD My Banner: (*Exodus 17:15*).

YHVH Shalom - The LORD of Peace: (*Judges 6:24*).

YHVH Tzidkaynu - The LORD Our Righteousness: (*Jeremiah 33:16*).

Today, Rabbis use the title “Adonai” in place of YHVH.

The LORD who revealed Himself as YHVH in the Old Testament is revealed as Yeshua (Jesus) in the New Testament. Jesus shares the same attributes as YHVH and clearly claims to be YHVH. In *John 8:56-59*, Jesus presents himself as the "I AM." When challenged by some Jewish leaders regarding His claim of seeing Abraham (who lived some 2000 years earlier), Jesus replied, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I AM." Those Jewish leaders understood that Jesus was claiming to be YHVH.
Your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread, [spiritual & natural food]
4 and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

Parable:

And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, 6 for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; 7 and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? 8 I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence [audacity] he will rise and give him whatever he needs. 9 And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; 12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 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!”
Galatians 4:6 (ESV) - And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

Romans 8:15-17 (ESV) - For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Mark 14:36 (ESV) - And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

Important points of this Parable:

1. God is our Father.
2. We should pray continually.
   a. Why pray continually? → Matthew 6:7-8 (CJB) - “And when you pray, don’t babble on and on like the pagans, who think God will hear them better if they talk a lot. Don’t be like them, because your Father knows what you need before you ask him.
      i. Prayer is the recognition that God is our source.
   b. Colossians 4:2 (CJB) - Keep persisting in prayer, staying alert in it and being thankful.
   c. Ephesians 6:18 (CJB) - as you pray at all times, with all kinds of prayers and requests, in the Spirit, vigilantly and persistently, for all God’s people.
3. We need the Holy Spirit.
   a. His role is to intercede on our behalf.
      i. Romans 8:26-27 (CJB) - Similarly, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we don’t know how to pray the way we should. But the Spirit himself pleads on our behalf with groanings too deep for words; 27 and the one who searches hearts knows exactly what the Spirit is thinking, because his pleadings for God’s people accord with God’s will.