



## Teaching Notes: Ray Davis

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### Christmas – *MORE than a baby in a manger*

# desert breeze community church

## “Everlasting Father” Luke 11:1-4, 9-13

**Basis of Prayer:** “Our Father in heaven” (Matt 6:9-13; John 1:12; Gal. 4:4-5; 1Jn 3:1; Heb 12:5-11; Rom 8:15-17; Ps 103:13)  
Earthly fathers shape our concept of our Heavenly Father but God is a Father like you’ve never known.  
Your concept is healthy when you run to Him to be with Him rather than to get from Him.

## **Adoration:** “Hollowed be your Name.”

(Ps. 22:3; 34:1-3; 100:4; 147:1; 150:1-6; Eph. 5:19-20; Phil. 4:4)  
The power of proximity is that the closer you get to God the smaller and less significant everything else gets.  
Evil is tragically real but God is supremely Great and satisfyingly Good.

## **Intercession:** “Your Kingdom come, your will be done.”

(Luke 4:18-19; John 17:18; 1 Tim. 2:1-4; James 5:16)  
Prayer reclaims what man lost through sin and restores God’s rule and reign.  
You can bring love where there is hatred, joy where there is hopelessness, peace where there is anxiety...

## **Petition:** “Give us this day our daily bread”

(Ps. 23; Matt. 6:25-34; Luke 11:9-13; Phil. 4:4-8)  
“For what would he not now give to sons when they ask, when he has already granted this very thing, namely, that they might be sons?”—St. Augustine  
A good father will either give you what you ask for or give to you what you should have asked for if you knew everything that he knows.

**Confession:** “Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” (Matt. 22:37-38; 1John 1:9; Matt. 6:14-14, 18:21-35; Eph. 4:26-27; Heb. 12:15)

Confession & forgiveness is like taking out the trash—once isn’t enough.

I am able to forgive others to the degree I have received God’s forgiveness of me.

**Aspiration:** “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” (John 16:33; 1 Pet. 4:12; James 1:2-4; 1 Cor. 10:31)

It’s not what happens to you but what happens in you that matters most.

When Christ becomes your most satisfying reality your worst days are durable and your best days leavable.



# Growing

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- 1) Christmas is more than a baby in a manger. Isa.9:6 says, "His name shall be called...Everlasting Father. What does it mean that Jesus came as the ultimate revelation of the Father & the only means of reconciliation to the Father (John 14:6-7)?
- 2) Read Luke 11:1-4, 9-13. What was Jesus doing when one of His disciples approached Him (v1)? Why do you think the disciples wanted Jesus to teach them to pray? Jesus didn't teach His disciples to approach God as Creator or Judge or King but as, "Father (daddy)..." What are the implications?
- 3) Earthly fathers shape our concept of our Heavenly Father but God is a Father like you've never known. Explain. How do you know you have a healthy relationship with your heavenly Father? Explain how when we hallowed God's name it gives us the power of proximity? Intercessory prayer reclaims what man lost through sin and restores God's rule and reign. Explain.
- 4) A good father will either give you what you ask for or give to you what you should have asked for if you knew everything that he knows. How should this truth impact our petition prayer? How is confession & forgiveness like taking out the trash and how important is it?
- 5) The last section of the Lord's Prayer in essence says, "Don't let my suffering entice me to sin." How does that happen? Why is it, that it's not what happens to you but what happens in you that matters most? How does having Christ you're most satisfying reality make your worst days durable & best days leavable?