

Approaching the Almighty

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⁴ and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves
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⁵ 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’?

Luke 11:1-11

⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence 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.

Luke 11:1-11

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?

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- 2 Continual communication with God
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2 Continual communication with God

- Parable of the Shameful Neighbour
- The unexpressed character of God in the Parable
- The lesson for the disciples (VS10) =

ASKING

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KNOCKING

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