

I. Read Luke 11:5-13

- A. Is a plea for God to show mercy asking Him to go against His own holy character?
- B. The parable Jesus conveys in Luke 11:5-8 is an exhortation and an encouragement to persevere in prayer. It is not teaching that God's mind can be changed, but rather that our prayers are answered according to God's time frame, not ours! What attributes of God are ignored when we insist that we can change God's mind? Use the following Scripture references as a guide:
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 - a. **Exodus 3:14** God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"
 - b. **Psalms 102:26-28** They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but you are the same, and your years have no end. The children of your servants shall dwell secure; their offspring shall be established before you.
 - c. **Isaiah 41:4** Who has performed and done this, calling the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he.
 - d. **Malachi 3:6** For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.
 - e. **Romans 1:23** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.
 - f. **Hebrews 1:11-12** they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.

- g. **James 1:17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.
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- a. **Job 37:16** Do you know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him who is perfect in knowledge
- b. **1 Samuel 16:7** But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”
- c. **1 Chronicles 28:9** “And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever.
- d. **Psalms 139:1-4** O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.
- e. **Jeremiah 17:10** “I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.”
3. What are some benefits to learning to persevere in prayer?
4. In Luke 11:9-10, it appears that Jesus is teaching that whatever a believer asks for, he gets. Is the always the case?

