

Augustine: "Grant me, Lord, to know & understand which is first, to call on Thee or to praise Thee? &, again, to know Thee or to call on Thee? For who can call on Thee, not knowing Thee? For he that knoweth Thee not may call on Thee as other than Thou art."

In Luke 18 - Jesus is anxious for us to know the character of God as it relates to prayer.

So before we start praying, we need to know God: more important than learning to pray is learning God.

I. a Giving God

- 1 - Give to all men generally
- 2 - Give to all men generously = refers to both the abundance of Spirit & material given
- 3 - Give to all men graciously
last anyone give to one of the orphans

II - a Concerned God

- 1 - Concerned about our circumstances
- 2 - Concerned more about our character than our circumstances.
(1) Trials are allowed (2) wisdom is offered
(3) Faith is demanded

III a Trustworthy God

- 1 - He is Father
- 2 - He is faithful