

ASK, SEEK, AND KNOCK

Praise be to the Savior of the world, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said in **Matthew 7:7-8 (NIV)**:

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

These words reveal a profound spiritual principle about God’s willingness to respond to our persistent faith and effort.

Why should we ask? Because God promises that *everyone who asks receives*. This reflects God’s generous grace and readiness to give good gifts to His children (see also **James 1:5** and **Luke 11:9-13**). Asking is an expression of dependence and trust in God’s providence.

Why should we seek? Because *everyone who seeks finds*. Seeking implies active pursuit, an earnest desire to know God more intimately and walk in His will. This resonates with the promise in **Jeremiah**

29:13, “*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*” Seeking God requires discipline—regular fellowship, prayer, and diligent study of Scripture (Psalm 119:105).

Why should we knock? Because *everyone who knocks will have the door opened*. Knocking is about persistence and perseverance in faith. It represents not giving up when the answer seems delayed, trusting God’s timing and faithfulness. This echoes Jesus’ teaching on persistence in prayer (**Luke 18:1-8**) and God’s openness to those who truly desire fellowship with Him.

Theological significance:

These three actions—asking, seeking, and knocking—are interconnected spiritual disciplines that reflect the believer’s faith journey. They demonstrate both God’s grace and the believer’s responsibility.

Salvation and ongoing relationship with God are **by grace through faith** (Ephesians 2:8-9), but that faith is active and persistent.

Many people want to receive God’s blessings and answers (asking) but neglect the deeper pursuit of God’s presence and holiness (seeking), or the perseverance required to break through spiritual barriers (knocking). Without all three, the fullness of God’s promises remains out of reach.

Practical application:

- Be faithful in worship and fellowship (Hebrews 10:25).
- Devote yourself to reading and meditating on God's Word (Psalm 1:2-3).
- Persist in prayer and obedience, even when answers seem slow or hidden (Romans 12:12).

Many Christians rely solely on external prayers or spiritual leaders for intervention but fail to cultivate a personal, persistent relationship with Jesus Christ dwelling within them (Colossians 1:27). True spiritual vitality comes from engaging fully in asking, seeking, and knocking with sincere hearts.

John 10:27 (NIV) reminds us:

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

Are you ready to hear His voice clearly by asking, seeking, and knocking? If not, start today, and the Lord will reveal Himself to you.

Maranatha!

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