

Brookland Baptist Church
Bible Study
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Lecture XIV

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THE GREATEST SERMON EVER PREACHED

● **Matthew 7:7-8 (KJV)**

⁷ *Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:*

⁸ *For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.*

Jesus tells us to persist in pursuing God. People often give up after a few half-hearted efforts and conclude that God does not care or God is not going to answer. When we ask something of God, Jesus assures us that it “**shall**” be given; “**shall**” be found; “**shall**” be opened.

The word “**shall**” places one under obligation. The word “**will**” is used to express future plans and expectations. For example, “on Sunday, we shall go to church; the pastor will read from the Bible.”

● **John 15:7 (KJV)**

⁷ *If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

● **1st John 5:14 (KJV)**

¹⁴ *And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:*

● **Matthew 7:9-12 (KJV)**

⁹ *Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?*

¹⁰ *Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?*

¹¹ *If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?*

¹² *Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.*

The child in this example asked his father for bread and fish; good and necessary items. If the child had asked for a poisonous snake, the wise father would not have granted his request.

Sometimes God knows we are praying for “snakes” and does not give us what we ask for even though we persist in our prayers. As we learn to know God better as a loving Father, we learn to ask for what is good for us, and then He grants it. We must trust the process. Trust that God knows what is best for us.

- **Romans 8:26-27 (KJV)**

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

²⁷ And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

THE GOLDEN RULE: Do unto others in a Christlike manner as you would have them do unto you.