

**This morning, ASK, and it shall given you; and, for everyone that ASKS, RECEIVES: ASK-SEEK-KNOCK!**

Remember that "ASK" here is a present imperative, meaning, as children of God we ought ALWAYS to be at the throne of grace ASKING our heavenly Father concerning our needs.

*"Jugiter Coram Deo": ALWAYS before His presence*

If earthly fathers know how to give good things to their children, HOW MUCH MORE shall your heavenly Father give good things to you, His child, WHEN you ASK HIM?! (The Holy Spirit!)

The MORE you know of God, the more you will PRAY unto Him; the MORE you know God in intimacy, the more "spiritually-natural" it will be for you go apart alone and find that place of prayer!

Are you asking for things that are pleasing to God? Are you asking for things that are according to God's revealed will? Are you asking for that which will bring honor and glory to your heavenly Father? Are you coming to God in brokenness, humility, and need? Or are you coming to God and asking him for what you want; not thy will God, but MINE be done?

Remember the model-pattern prayer: Matthew 6.

*Who is here that is strong enough to walk this Christian life without the help of God and without His grace? Not one. If you know this, you will be a constant inquirer at the throne of grace!*

**Tonight, (V7-8): "SEEK and ye shall FIND; KNOCK, and it shall be OPENED unto you"; He that SEEKS, FINDS; to him that KNOCKS, it shall OPENED.**

We are to be persistently asking, seeking, and knocking at the throne of God's grace with importunity. There's really not a big difference in either of the three (3) is there? Between asking, seeking, and knocking? Again, what is important is your heart in asking, seeking, and knocking.

**SEEK and ye SHALL FIND:**

When you seek for something or someone, you're focused on finding it, or that one that you're looking for. This morning, we learned about asking God, (our heavenly Father), SEEKING, is part of the work of gaining an audience with God. Are you a "DILGENT SEEKER" of God?

Thomas Manton wrote that "If we don't receive by asking, then let us seek; if we don't receive by seeking, then let us knock."

*Matthew 6:33, Jeremiah 29:13-14, Psalm 27:4-9, 70:1-5, 105:1-4, Canticles 3:1-4, Hebrews 11:6, 4:14-16*

He that truly SEEKS the Lord, FINDS the Lord!

**KNOCK and it shall be opened unto you**

This is also a present-imperative, and so means to knock repetitively and with importunity! Like Christiana in Pilgrim's Progress!

Once again, this KNOCKING is a spiritual imperative and demonstrates to us how persistent we must be in prayer and in seeking the presence of our God!

If YOU do truly seek the presence of your God and heavenly Father, knocking and rapping on the door of heaven with unashamed persistence, with importunity, fervency, and urgency, God will hear; heaven shall be opened to you! Mercy KNOCKING!

So, KNOCK with persistence, importunity, and shamelessness:

Luke 11:5-10

Heaven Opened!

Isaiah 64:1-2, Psalm 78:23-25, Acts 7:54-60, 10:9-11