

The Great Inquisitor Message 1

Next week why would God ask us anything?

Before going there we need to ask, "Why don't we ask God more?" and "What do we ask God for?"

Let's start with a familiar story: Prodigal Son. The story begins with the youngest son asking his father for his inheritance.

Luke 15:17 CSB

¹⁷ When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food, and here I am dying of hunger!

In essence the son asked, "May I become one of your servants?"

Instead, the father put a ring on his finger, sandals on his feet, a robe on his back and killed the fatted calf.

Why did the young man only ask to have the provisions of a servant? He felt unworthy.

Then the second son became angry. He would not come to the party. His father went to the field to bring him in.

Luke 15:29-30 CSB

²⁹ But he replied to his father, 'Look, I have been slaving many years for you, and I have never disobeyed your orders, yet you never gave me a goat so that I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.'

He was angry because he had been working for his father all this time and had never had a party thrown for him.

Luke 15:31 CSB

³¹ "'Son,' he said to him, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.'

The father said in essence, "You never asked!"

Because of the view he had of his father, the oldest son was unwilling to ask.

So, why do we not ask more of God?

You view yourself as unworthy or you view God as unwilling.

Slaves ask little of their masters. Don't forfeit the blessings of your inheritance.

Matthew 7:7-11 CSB

⁷ "Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹ Who among you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him.

Second question: What should we ask God for?

It's 50 years before Babylon invades Israel. God has called Jeremiah to prophesy to the people of impending judgment.

Zedekiah tried to silence Jeremiah by throwing him into prison. Now how will he know what to prophesy?

Jeremiah 33:3 CSB

¹ Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and incomprehensible things you do not know.

God challenges the prophet to ask for things he cannot know.

We should not ask what we do not know, only for what we cannot know.

Is it right to answer your child's homework problems because you know the answers? No. Neither is it with God.

When Ezekiel was asked by God, "Can these bones live?" Ezekiel declared, "O, God, you know!"

Close

God specializes in the impossible

If you lack wisdom, ask Him for it.

If you lack provision, He can take a few fish and a few pieces of bread and feed a multitude.

Christ said, "With God, all things are possible."