

# City On a Hill 18

Matthew 7:7-11



Mat 5:13-16 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. (14) Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill **cannot** be hid. (15) Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. (16) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.



By way of review...

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Foundations

# Ask, Seek, and Knock



Mat 7:7-11 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. (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?

“We ask for a gift, we seek for what we have lost, we knock for entrance.” -F.B. Meyer-

# Ask, and it shall be given...

- Broken into two distinct parts.
- Part one the asking.
  - αἰτέω (aiteo) *ahee-teh'-o* Of uncertain derivation; to *ask* (in generally): - ask, beg, call for, crave, desire, require.
  - Of course, this is talking of prayer
  - Remembering to be anxious for nothing

“Pray, pray often, make a business of prayer, be serious and earnest in it. Ask, as a beggar asks alms, ask as a traveler asks the way,” -Matthew Henry-



# Ask, and it shall be given...



- Included in Part one is the IT. What exactly is it?
- Things that are consistent with what God gives.
  - According to His will
  - **1Jn 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:**
- It is not as much about IT as it is about HOW.
  - According to His will.
  - In the Name of Christ.
  - Under the direction of The Spirit.
  - With faith and fear.
  - In submission with a heart prepared to submit.

## Part 2- Receive

If you ask in this manner, then you shall also receive in like manner. *In other words, you Reap What You Sew.* You shall receive according to His will, through Christ, as The Spirit directs, with faith and submission.

# Seek, and ye shall find...

- Ζητέω *zēteō dzay-teh'-o*: to seek (literally or figuratively); specifically (by Hebraism) to worship (God).
- Something lost or something needing to be found.
- Worship defined- Many Greek words with some interesting meanings. Revere, pay homage, render honor, adore.
  - The natural question is then something like, “What is it that you revere, pay homage to, render honor to, and adore?”
- Again, here is another Reaping and sewing concept.





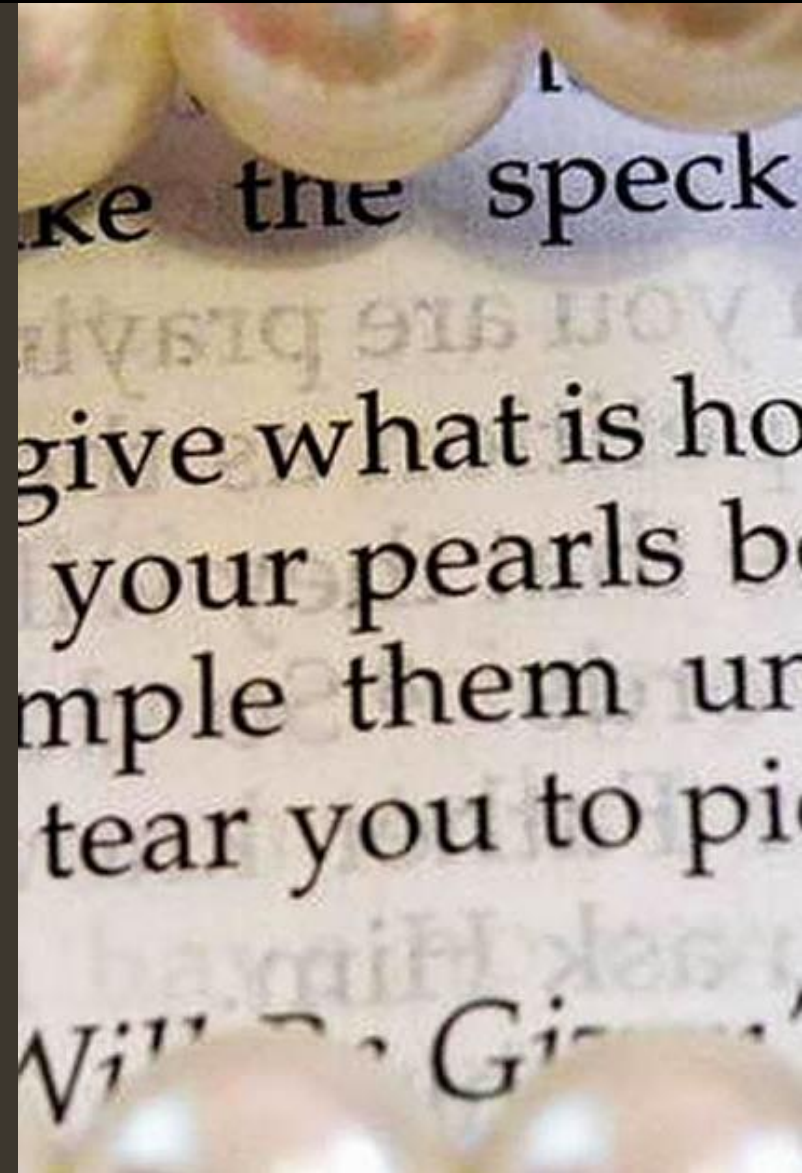
And ye shall find...

If you sew self, you reap only self, and all the loneliness and emptiness that accompanies that.

If you sew into God and others, you reap in like manner a relationship with both.

# Knock, and it shall be opened...

- To knock implies that you are looking to achieve:
  - Audience with the keeper of the door.
  - Shelter as a stranger or guest.
  - Passage into a structure or through a portal.
- In this case with God and in context of His will and His worship.
  - Audience? His throne room is opened for us to enter into boldly.
  - Shelter? **Psa 18:2** *The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.*
  - Passage? **Pro 3:6** *In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*



Understanding what you receive...

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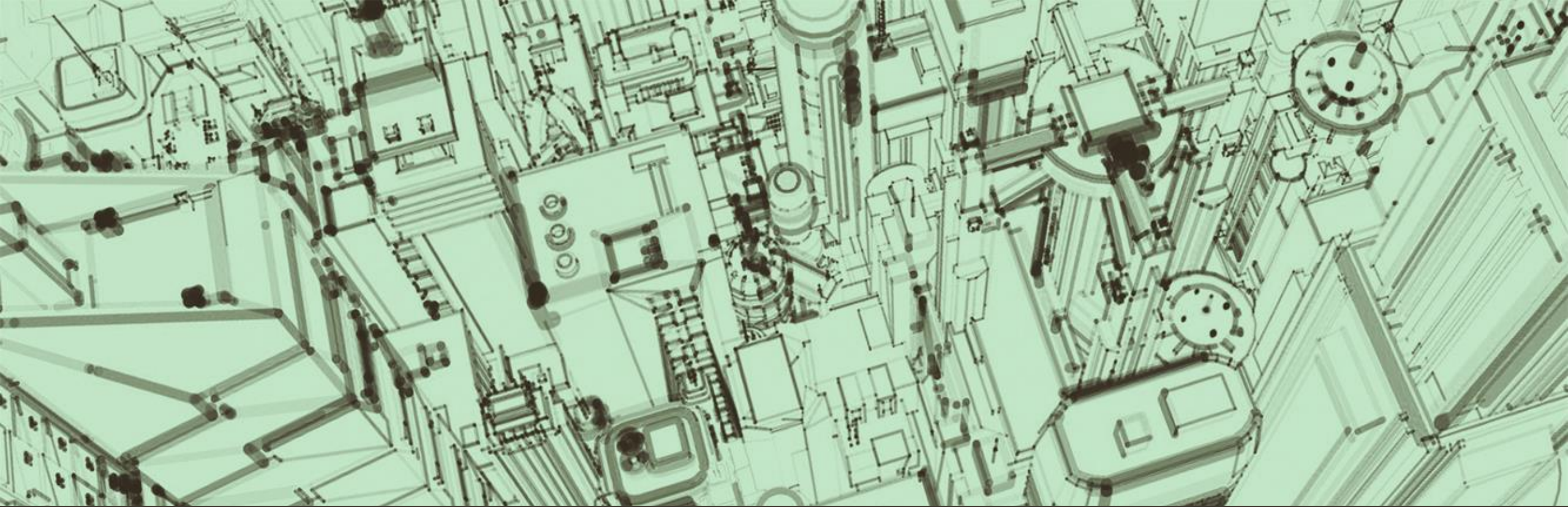
A person is kneeling in a field of tall grass, their back to the camera. Their arms are raised high, hands open, towards a bright sun that is partially obscured by a large, dark cloud. The sun creates a strong lens flare effect. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, and the overall scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunrise or sunset. The person's silhouette is dark against the bright background.

Sum it up...

It is all about our hearts, and who we serve.

Hear and Do...

This is how we are light.



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