

ASK:

““Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”

Matthew 7:7-11 ESV

- They are Requests

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Matthew 6:9-15

- We like to go to extremes: Do we need to ask? Does God know everything?

Arminianism vs. Calvinism

- We have freedom and free will. He's inviting us into relationship.

- God invites us to come alongside Him to bring about the Kingdom.

(Adam and Eve, Abraham, David)

*it would be a lot easier if He did it Himself, which he kinda did with Jesus, but He continues to partner with us.

- Sometimes God says, “no” (in His good judgement)

- Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

“Not my will but yours be done”

- God is not abandoning us. He could be saying, “not in that way,” “not yet,” or “no.” (maturity, safety, working on you or others)

- The hard truth, is that if He says, “no,” He will somehow work it for good.

- Like a good Father, He loves to say, “yes.” If we know how to care for our children, friends, parents, pets...how much more Will God?

- He is passionate about our health, spiritual, emotional, and physical.

Why would Jesus spend so much time and energy healing if He didn't want to heal.