

Ask, Seek, Knock

Matthew 7:7–12

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EPISODE SUMMARY

After a hard look in the mirror in Matthew 7:1–6, Jesus turns us the other direction — from ourselves to our Father. He gives three rising invitations: ask, seek, knock — a life of prayer that keeps at the door — and throws the promise wide open: everyone who asks receives. Then he shows us what kind of God we’re praying to. No father hands his hungry son a stone for bread or a snake for a fish. If flawed parents still know how to give good gifts, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him. Prayer rests on his goodness, not our leverage. Then verse 12 turns outward: the hands the Father fills are the hands we open to our neighbor.

KEY THEMES

- Ask, seek, knock — three rising invitations to a persistent life of prayer (vv. 7–8).
- Everyone who asks receives — the door is thrown wide; if you can ask, you qualify (v. 8).
- Bread not a stone, fish not a snake — a father’s instinct to give good things (vv. 9–10).
- How much more — the heart of the passage: a perfect Father’s goodness (v. 11).
- The Golden Rule — received grace turns outward toward the neighbor (v. 12).

KEY SCRIPTURE

"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."

— Matthew 7:11, CSB

TAKEAWAY TRUTH

The whole passage stands on one word — “more.” However good you can imagine God being, he is more. And the proof isn’t only the bread and the fish; it’s the cross. God gave the one gift that cost him everything — his own Son, broken like bread, so our sins could be paid for in his blood. That is the good thing behind every good thing, and the door that opened so we could come home.

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

So pray this week as a child, not a stranger. You’re not pounding on a locked gate, hoping to earn your way past it — you’ve already been let in, bought and welcomed at the highest price. Ask boldly, keep seeking, stay at the door — and let what the Father pours into your hands spill back out onto everyone you meet today.

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