

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

KNOCKING ON HEAVEN'S DOOR

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! (Matthew 7:7-11, NIV)

What Jesus says about prayer:

v7) We should _____.

v8) If we ask, _____.

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—William Temple*

What Jesus says about God:

Prayer is something that can be understood through the _____ of a _____. vv 9-11

Prayer (_____) is what happens in a _____.
Gen 1:27; 2Cor 5:17-20; James 4:1-3

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—Dallas Willard. The Divine Conspiracy*

Prayer is _____ in our _____
_____.

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:

What thought from the message was most helpful to you?

What thought from the message was most challenging to you?

How is God calling you to respond to the message?

What questions remain for you about prayer?

What is God teaching you these days?

What would you like the group to join you in praying about?

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What Jesus says about prayer:

v7) We should ASK.

v8) If we ask, SOMETHING HAPPENS.

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What Jesus says about God:

Prayer is something that can be understood through the EYES of a PARENT. vv 9-11

Prayer (ASKING) is what happens in a RELATIONSHIP. Gen 1:27; 2Cor 5:17-20; James 4:1-3

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Prayer is GROUNDED in our BELIEF ABOUT GOD.

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