

Sermon on the Mount

" More Perfectly "

Part XX
Matthew 7:7-20

7: *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.*

- What was asked?
- How do they know if the 'answer' was given by God or the devil himself?
 - **Revelation 16:14** - *For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*
 - nearing the tribulation, this will be on the increase, of course!
 - Continue to read the **verses 9-11**, but remember these as you read:
 - **Ephesians 1:3** - *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:*
 - **Romans 14:17** - *For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*
- What was opened?
 - To them, God provided their needs - read previous study notes - TO THE JEWS!
 - Today
 - To show folks about the risen Christ - through Paul, etc.
 - **Revelation 3:8** - *I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.*
 - Holy Spirit prayed for us - a door was always open to God, etc.
 - **Romans 8:26** - *Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*
 - Opportunity to speak the mystery of Christ!
 - **Colossians 4:3** - *Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:*
- Those 'things we pray for' seem to always be what we concern ourselves with as 'Gentiles' - if we think like 'lost Gentiles,' that is.
 - **Matthew 6:32** - *(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.*
 - **Ephesians 4:17** - *This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,*
- Have you received all what you have asked?

- *Have you ever found what you are seeking?*
- *Did "it" open after you knocked?*
- *Why not?*
 - *unconfessed sin in your life? Unworthy Lord's Supper session? no faith? are you bitter towards someone? have you not forgiven someone? being chastised by God? Is your music causing problems with God? Maybe you have not worshipped God enough with music? Church attendance not regular? Are you not giving like you should for offerings lately? Lack of witnessing? etc.*
- *Would you even know if answered prayer is yes or no - and from God or the devil?*
- *These verses feed the folly of modern Christianity as it grows in gain and yet also in confusion and apostasy - but we must continue on with Paul as things continue to worsen!*
 - ***II Timothy 3:9-14 - But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was. But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;***

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?

- *Ok, good point, but what do fathers give to their kids today - stones and serpents?*
 - *evil communication devices and wicked inventions that pull people away from God and truth?*
 - *boys led towards girls and girls led to boys at a younger and younger age?*
 - *immunity to what is wrong - bad works - sin - low standards - fruits of darkness - those that they should be kept from*
 - *music of the world, etc.?*
 - *opposite role encouragement and strengthenings?*
 - *sports that teach the girls how to ruin their marriages?*
 - *sports that put the program over family and church, etc.?*
 - *immodesty examples AND provides the same immodesty teachings to them?*
 - *a trust in uncertain riches that only will cause them to err from the faith, pierce their own kids with many sorrows based on the love of money?*
 - *temptations they can't get victory because the parents won't allow them to seek and gain a victory?*
 - *put them into their family snare - the cage - the rat's nest - "If mom and/or dad can't get out, neither can the kids!"?*
 - *foolish and hurtful lusts?*
 - *The teaching that gain is godliness?*
 - *wrong dividing?*

- church / pastoral authority?
- no spiritual authority?
- the 'mistakes' in the word of God?
- etc.

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 have already determined that we don't know how to give good gifts to our children...
- Of course, God will know what to give!
 - But that is my point about the devil also knows what to give us to distract, confuse, deceive, and bewitch us away from the truth, too!
 - Remember, God is our spiritual Father - this verse is in direct reference to Jews, of whom God the Father did promise to take care of them - his elect - the Jews!
- Note: The devil wants to drown us in gain which leads us to destruction and perdition.
 - He blinds the lost and will do everything to keep them blinded!
- Note: The Risen Christ, through Paul, tells us, "***But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. I Timothy 6:6-8***
- Jesus' parable about the sower and the seed makes good spiritual application and scriptural admonition concerning the seed of the parent's words towards their children!
 - **Matthew 13:22** - *He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.*
 - **Luke 8:14** - *And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.*

12: *Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.*

- They don't even want us to be as 'concerned' for them as they say they are for us...
 - instead of telling us what we are wrong, SHOW US in the Scriptures like we can show you!
 - they are so big on "stopping sinning" and "soul winning" and "bringing more to Christ," etc. but no details of following the Risen Saviour - and all that Paul talks about!!!
 - So even those who believe in trying to follow Jesus' teachings as stated here don't follow this verse towards us!

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The entire King James Bible is written FOR us, but it is not all written TO us!

We learn from the "For" and we try to apply the "TO!"