

ASK
Matthew 7:7 – 11
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Main Idea: God is open to our requests and actively answers them.

Introduction

Many people enjoy watching shows all about interrogation and police work. The police search for answers to their questions as they investigate. They are looking for the truth about what happened in a criminal case. As the investigators do with regular human beings they must separate truth from lies. But when we come to God Jesus teaches us that is a much different circumstance. God does not hide the truth from us our answer our questions with lies. When we asked we receive when we seek God we find. When we knock on his door he opens the door. Let's take a look at how to remember these important truths about God and our relationship with them.

Matthew 7:7–8

7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. **8** For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

- I.** God is available to all.
 - A God is always listening to us.
 - B God is always attentive to us.

Matthew 7:9-10

9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? **10** Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent?

- II.** God is fair to all.
 - A God provides what we need.
 - B God protects us from harm.

Matthew 7:11

11 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!

- III.** God is good to all.

- A We are not as good as God.
- B God gives good gifts.

Conclusion

Jesus teaches us that every time we ask God for something he gives it without reproach because he is a good father who loves his children. Every time we seek him we will find him and not someone or something else. God wants us to find him and to ask him. He is not trying to be tricky or stand back away from us. He wants to be involved in our lives. He wants to give good gifts to us. He wants to be our guide. Many times we do not have because we don't ask. Let us not be standoffish in our relationship with God. Let us seek him and ask him and him knock on his door because we know for sure that he will answer immediately.