



ASK IN FAITH BELIEVING

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *Matthew 7:7-12*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

Through prayer we ask the Lord to hear our requests. We seek the Lord daily for strength and guidance. Finally, we knock and all of the doors will be opened unto us because the Lord will answer! *“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him” (1 John 5:14-15).*

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them (Mark 11:24).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. Ask: The blind man asked, and Jesus healed him (*Mark 10:51-52*).
2. Seek: Seek the Lord and He will be there, He will answer (*Isaiah 55:6-7*).
3. Knock: The Lord will open all the doors and make a way (*Revelation 3:7-8*).
4. Believe: Trust and believe and the Lord will answer (*Romans 10:9-11*).
5. Faith: By our faith we receive the healing (*Matthew 9:29; Hebrews 11:1, 6*).

BACKGROUND SETTING:

Through His teachings, Jesus stressed the importance of prayer to the disciples, “. . . men ought always to pray, and not to faint” (*Luke 18:1*). We are often reminded that prayer is simply a conversation between you and God; through prayer, the mighty hand of God moves (*Acts 17:24-28*). When we pray, we humbly make our petition to the Lord. *“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up” (James 4:10)*. Through asking, along with our faith and belief in Jesus Christ, our prayers are answered. *“And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive” (Matthew 21:22)*.

LESSON SUMMARY:

From the moment Jesus called the disciples to follow Him, the training to carry on the Gospel began. Through every situation and every miracle, there was a lesson to be learned. In our scripture lesson, Jesus tells the disciples to Ask, Seek and Knock. Going on to say that if a son asks their father for bread or fish, the father wouldn't give him a stone or a serpent. In a very similar way, if we ask the Lord for anything the Lord will hear our prayer and answer. As we continue our walk with the Lord, we keep His commandments and try to do the things that please Him. Jesus will hear our prayer. The victory will be ours and we will receive the desires of our heart. *“And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight” (1 John 3:22)*. So, let us continue to follow and trust in Jesus. For no matter what happens in our lives, Jesus will never leave us, nor will He forsake us. He truly is just a prayer away and all we need to do is ask in faith believing. Amen!

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