



“Ask, and it will be
given to you” (Luke 11:9)

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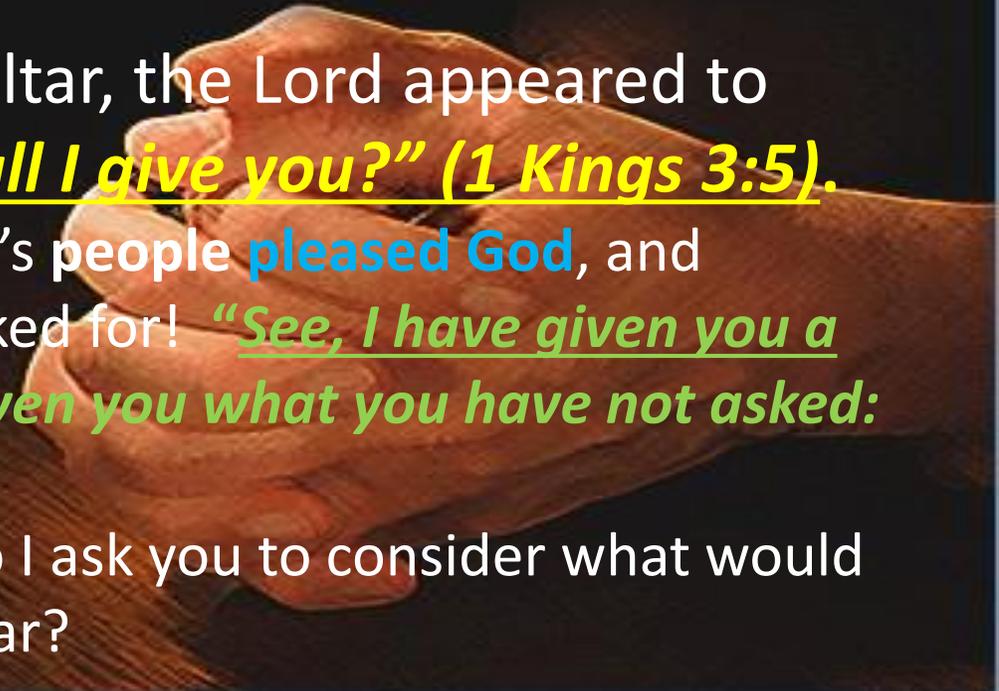
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1. **Gentle nudge of the Lord** (23rd Dec 18) to collect the prayers of God's people and present it before God with fasting & prayer.

- We will receive prayer points this week & next week – '**Confidential**'. We will collect it and lay it before God for 3 days from 23rd – 25th Jan.
- *A few people wants to fast & pray with me during those 3 days. I will be in GIHOP during that time for prayer and you can join me!*
- **Two forms of aggressive prayer**: (1) **Prayer & fasting** – letting go of food for the purpose of prayer; (2) **Prayer Watch** – letting go of sleep for the purpose of prayer.

2. After Solomon's 1000 burnt offerings on the altar, the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, **"Ask! What shall I give you?" (1 Kings 3:5).**

- Solomon's prayer asking for **wisdom** to govern God's people **pleased God**, and Solomon received whole lot more than what he asked for! **"See, I have given you a wise and understanding heart...And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honour..."** (1 Kings 3:10-13).
- This is **not just a good prayer, but a great prayer!** So I ask you to consider what would you ask God? What is your prayer target for this year?



Model Prayer (Luke 11:1-4)

¹ Now it came to pass, as **He was praying in a certain place**, when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, “**Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.**”

² So He said to them, “When you pray, say:

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.**

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as *it is* in heaven.

³ **Give us day by day our daily bread.**

⁴ **And forgive us our sins,**

For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.”



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Q. How does prayer for provision fit into big picture?

“And He gave them their request (lust of their heart), but sent leanness into their soul.” (Ps. 106:15)

A Friend Comes at Midnight (Luke 11:5-8)

⁵ And He said to them, “**Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves;’** ⁶ for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷ and he will answer from within and say, ‘**Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you’?** ⁸ I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet **because of his persistence** he will rise and give him **as many as he needs.**”



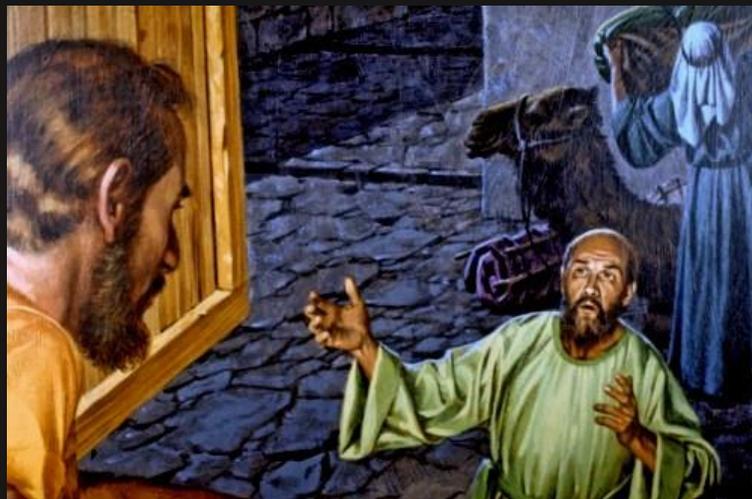
Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking (Luke 11:9-13)

⁹ “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit** to those who ask Him!”



Unexpected need in most inconvenient time! (Luke 11:5-8)

- 1. Old A.N.E. Customs:** (1) house structure is a single room similar to a large tent with whole family lying down neatly in a row from the door to innermost part of the room. (2) People usually travel avoiding the mid-day sun (very hot), hence travel well into the night. (3) Hospitality is sacred duty, and the situation is the 'friend's friend's need' who arrived late at night. (Definition of intercession!)
- 2. Humorous Illustration:** (1) Point is not the generosity of the giver, but the 'persistence' of the one asking! 'ἀναίδει' – 'shamelessness' "...yet because of his persistence (shamelessness) he will rise and give him as many as he needs." (Lk 11:8)
- 3.** This is a very **powerful teaching on prayer** – i.e. 'This is the law of prayer life (spiritual life).' – i.e. People end up with what their heart persistently long for.



This is reinforced by Jesus' positive view of prayer (Luke 11:9-10)

1. *Jesus breaks down the process in 3 stages: (1) **asking**; (2) **seeking**; (3) **knocking** (door is in sight & pounding begins). Jesus' 1st command: "ASK"; then "SEEK" & "FIND".*

2. **What is Jesus' view of prayer? 100% positive! "Everyone"** (1) who asks receives; (2) who seeks finds; (3) who knocks it will be opened.

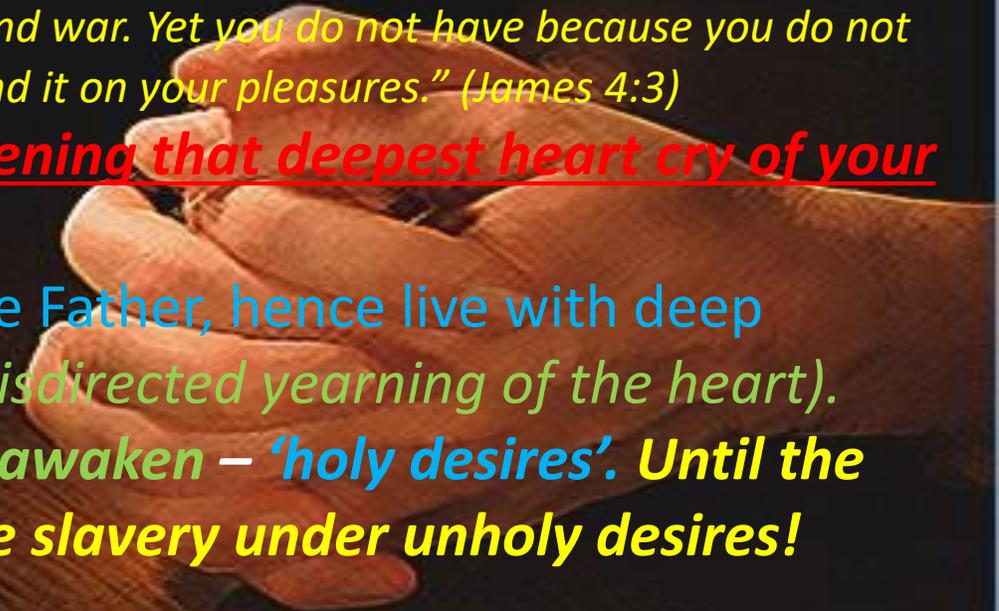
If these versus are all we have about prayer, this is enough teaching for us to pray & not give up for the rest of our lives!

3. The questions are: (1) Who is asking God anything in child-like faith? (2) What are we asking God? Much of our life is determined by what our hearts are seeking God for and **perhaps too few are asking God directly** what pleases Him. *"You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures."* (James 4:3)

4. *'Persistence/shamelessness' - 'Prayer is all about awakening that deepest heart cry of your heart and connecting it to the heavenly Father.'*

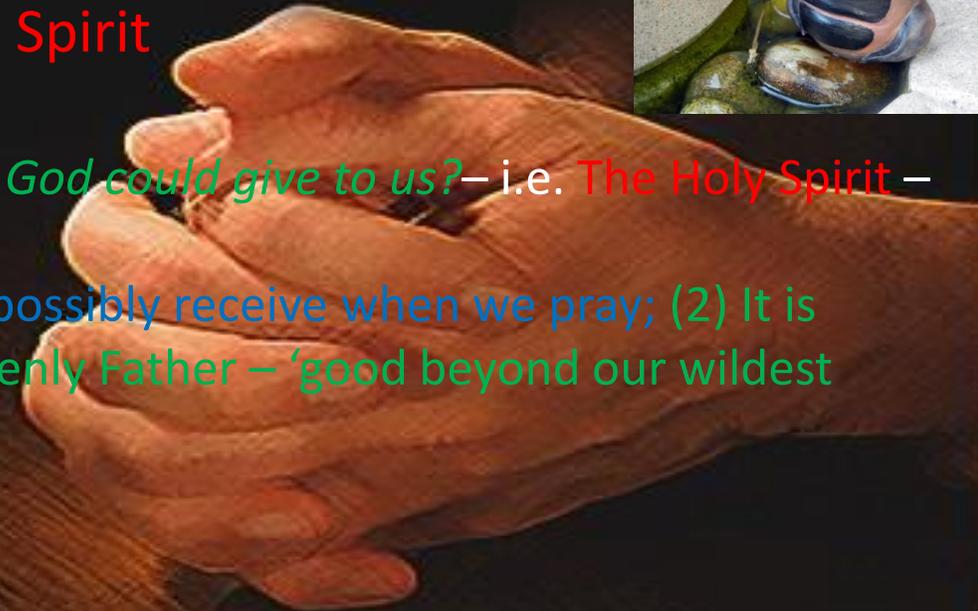
Millions of Christians do not make this connection to the Father, hence live with deep sadness & sickness on the inside (*unacknowledged & misdirected yearning of the heart*).

5. *When you start to pray, your spiritual desires begin to awaken – 'holy desires'. Until the 'holy desires' awakens in us, our life will not exceed the slavery under unholy desires!*



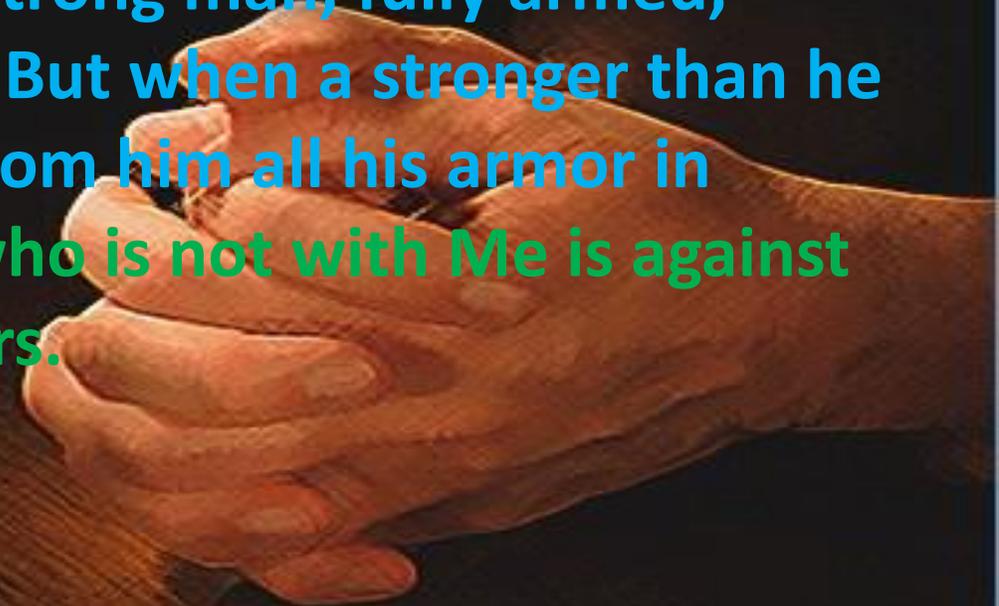
Goodness of the heavenly Father (Luke 11:11-13)

1. When you ask the heavenly Father for the 'bread' (necessity) + 'fish' & 'egg' (extra luxury – protein) on top of 'daily bread', He will not give us something that will harm us. In other words, the answer to all our prayer is sanctioned by God the Father.
 - a. *Parents compassion & love is aroused watching their children 'eat' & 'sleep'. Parents love to see their children eat and enjoy food! - 'sacred duty'*
 - b. *'Stone' instead of 'Bread' (necessity) to watch your children's teeth crack? Scorpion instead of 'fish' or 'egg' (luxury protein diet) to watch your children cry in pain? (the most painful sting known to man)*
2. *'If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!'*
 - a. *'good things' (Matthew 7:11) – what is the ultimate good that God could give to us? – i.e. The Holy Spirit – 3rd person of Trinity that resides inside of you.*
 - b. *(1) God reserves the right to give us the ultimate best we can possibly receive when we pray; (2) It is impossible to waste your time in prayer, because it is the heavenly Father – 'good beyond our wildest imagination' is the One answering our prayers.*
 - c. *God's promise of to the end time church – '7 Spirits of God'*



The Third Factor in Prayer (Luke 11:17-23)

¹⁷ But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house *divided* against a house falls. ¹⁸ If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. ¹⁹ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹ When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. ²² But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his [a]spoils. ²³ He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

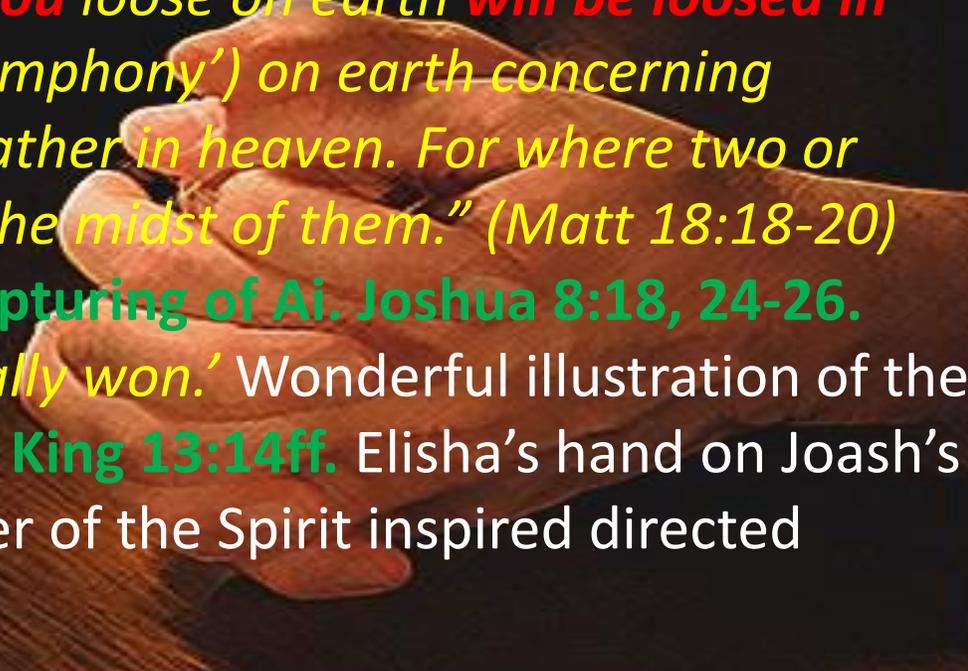


The Third Factor in Answered Prayer (Luke 11:17-23)

- We must be prepared to deal with the 3rd influence (Satanic resistance) – ‘the strong man’ = ‘the devil’. **Who is the Stronger Man = ‘Jesus’.**

Keys to Victory:

1. **Principle of binding & loosing [Declaration]** - *‘Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven...’ (Matthew 16:19).* Jesus has already defeated the devil. Now we must administer His victory to every situation of our life. *“Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.” (Col 2:15)*
2. **Principle of spiritual unity** - *“Assuredly, I say to you, whatever **you (plural)** bind on earth **will be bound in heaven (perfect participle)**, and whatever **you** loose on earth **will be loosed in heaven**. “Again I say to you that if **two of you agree** (‘symphony’) on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.” (Matt 18:18-20)*
3. **Persistent power of prayer over period of time** – (1) **Capturing of Ai. Joshua 8:18, 24-26.** *‘For Joshua drew not his hand until fully victory was totally won.’* Wonderful illustration of the power of prayer. (2) **Elisha & Joash to deal with Syria. 2 King 13:14ff.** Elisha’s hand on Joash’s hand. Military victory depends on spiritual victory. Power of the Spirit inspired directed prayer.



Check List

1. If you are praying for **financial breakthrough**...Are you willing to honour God with **'tithing'** (principle of honouring God).
2. If you are praying for **relational breakthrough**...Are you willing to **'forgive'** & **'obey'** God's voice (if God gives you a specific instruction)?
3. If you are praying for **deliverance from oppression**...Are you willing to **'repent'** from all sins of occult, indulgence, & false religion?
4. If you are praying for **divine guidance**...Are you willing to **'follow through'** & walk in God's ways?
5. If you are praying for **spiritual gifts & power**...Are you willing to **seek only God's honour, God's kingdom, and God's will** in our life?

