Prayer and the Golden Rule

Matthew 7:7-12



Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5-7
Extraordinary Kingdom Living

- Matthew 5:3-16 Introduction Beatitudes - What a happy life! Be Salt and Light - Go Share it!
- Matthew 5:17-7:12 The Body Kingdom Life of Holiness
- Matthew 7:13-27 Conclusion
 Choose! Two paths/gates, two trees,
 two claims, two foundations.

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- 5:1-2 The Beatitudes
- **5:13-16** *Salt and Light*
- 5:17-20 Authentic Kingdom Life of Holiness
- 5:21-6:4 Extraordinary Kingdom Relationships with Others
- 6:5-18 Extraordinary Piety with God and The Lord's Prayer
- 6:19-34 The Challenge of Money and Worry
- 7:1-6 Do Not be Judgmental but be Discerning
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⁷ 'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. 9 'Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ If 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! 12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Keep On Asking, Seeking, Knocking

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It's for Everyone

For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Ask in every way, anytime we need Him

Not because of how we pray or who we are, or how hard we try.

It is all about God who is willing to hear and answer.



The Abiding Principle
We are to be in close
prayerful dependent
relationships with God.



An Exhortation to be Bold Right view of God and Ourselves

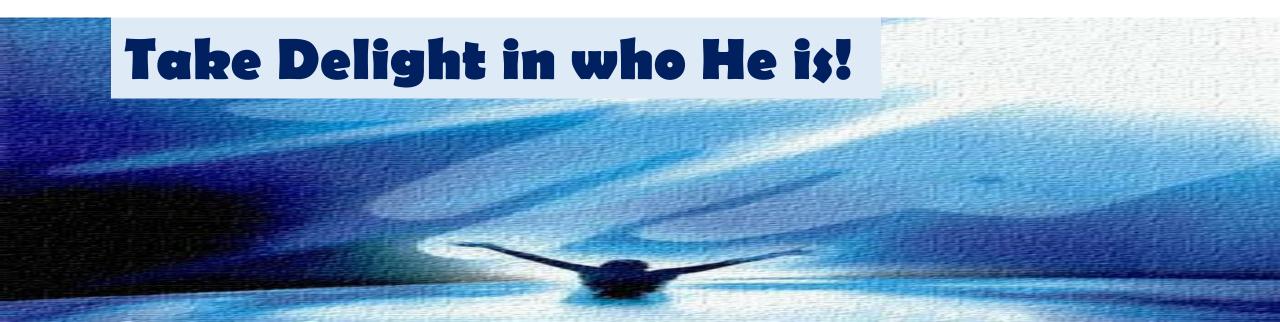


God is a 'God of Willingness'
Not a 'God of Reluctant'

He is our Father in Heaven who feeds his children well

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A persistent childlike trust in God



He is our Father

The God of the How Much More!

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He gives good gifts to His children

Luke 11:13

He gives us the Holy Spirit and Whole parcel of gifts with Him



Prayer is about Finding God Not Using God

Prayer brings us home to God

Come into His Presence with boldness and pray!

The Golden Rule

12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you,

All-embracing Generous and Active Sacrificial love Vs. Passive Self-love



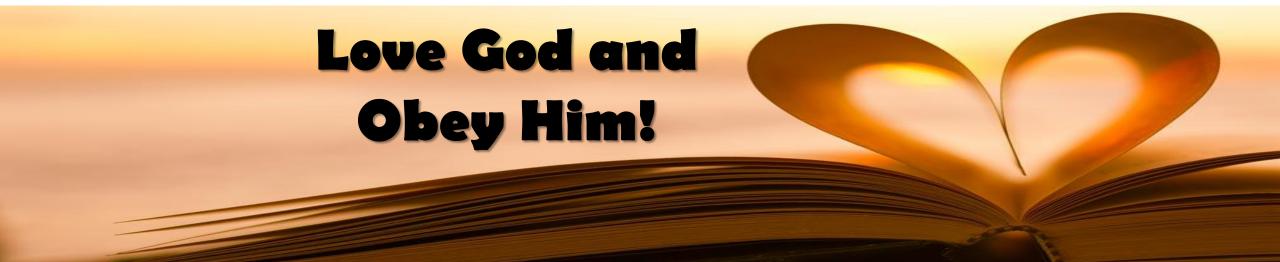
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The Great Commandments of Love

Matthew 22:39...Love others as you love yourself

Guided and Empowered by Divine Love



Our Life Focus is on the Love Relationship with God

The Christian perfection God calls us to is not perfection in task but the perfection in love.

By His Grace through the Holy Spirit in Prayer

