

The Father Always Gives Good Things

Matthew 7:7-11 | December 6, 2020

1. He invites (and directs) us to pray (7)

- *Ps. 50:15 Call upon me in the day of trouble...*
- *Jer. 33:3 Call to me and I will answer you...*
- *Matt. 6:9 Pray then like this...*

2. He calls us to persevere in prayer (7)

Because it demonstrates our faith in Him as a Father who is both powerful and good.

3. He promises to answer our prayer (8)

- *Ps. 86:5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.*
- *Rom. 10:13 For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*
- *Is. 55:1 Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!*
- *John 7:37 If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.*
- *Matt. 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

4. He gives us motivation for prayer (9-11)

- *Fathers will always give what is helpful*
- *Fathers will never give what is harmful*
- *God will always give what is good*

APPLICATIONS:

Remember what is truly good

- *"Good" is defined by God and His purposes.*

Prioritize God's kingdom in your prayers

- *The context of Jesus' sermon on the kingdom exposes our neediness and leads us to ask for things with a priority on God's kingdom.*

Prayer Resources:

- *Findhope.net/bibleprayers*
- *Valley of Vision*

THE DIVINE WILL

O LORD,

I hang on thee; I see, believe, live,
when thy will, not mine, is done;

I can plead nothing in myself
in regard of any worthiness and grace,
in regard of thy providence and promises,
but only thy good pleasure.

If thy mercy make me poor and vile, blessed be thou!

Prayers arising from my needs are preparations for
future mercies;

Help me to honour thee by believing before I feel,
for great is the sin if I make feeling a
cause of faith.

Show me what sins hide thee from me
and eclipse thy love;

Help me to humble myself for past evils,
to be resolved to walk with more care,

For if I do not walk holily before thee,
how can I be assured of my salvation?

It is the meek and humble who are shown
thy covenant,

know thy will, are pardoned and healed,
who by faith depend and rest upon grace,
who are sanctified and quickened,
who evidence thy love.

Help me to pray in faith and so find thy will,
by leaning hard on thy rich free mercy,
by believing thou wilt give what thou hast
promised;

Strengthen me to pray with the conviction

that whatever I receive is thy gift,
so that I may pray until prayer be granted;
Teach me to believe that all degrees of mercy arise
from several degrees of prayer,
that when faith is begun it is imperfect and
must grow,
as chapped ground opens wider and wider
until rain comes.

So shall I wait thy will, pray for it to be done,
and by thy grace become fully obedient.

Valley of Vision, Arthur G. Bennett, *Banner of Truth*