PRAYING ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE

MATTHEW 7

Text: Matthew 7:7-9

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⁷ Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: ⁸ For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. ⁹ Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

Introduction:

1. EARNEST PRAYER

(Luke 18:1) And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

A. God's Promise

(Jeremiah 33:3) Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

B. Seeking Him in Earnest

(Jeremiah 29:13) And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

C. Ask, Seek, Knock

(Matthew 7:7) Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

2. EFFECTUAL PRAYER

(James 5:16) Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

- A. Praying with Desire
- B. Praying in Decision
- C. Praying with Determination

3. ENDURING PRAYER

(1 Thessalonians 5:17) Pray without ceasing.

- A. The Attitude of Praying
- B. The Achievement of Prayer
- C. The Answer of Praying

4. ENDUING PRAYER

(Luke 24:49) And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

- A. Disciples Stayed and Prayed for Power
- B. Disciples Received and Used this Power
- C. This Power is needed for all Christians