



ONE AWESOME SERMON:
APPROACHING THE
THRONE

Matthew 7:7-12

VS. 7

“Keep on asking...” Verb tense - continual action

Some suggest strong faith looks like ‘one and done,’
but Jesus promotes persevering in prayer

Luke 11:1-13

(Stay in the context of ‘seek first the Kingdom,’
so these don’t become selfish requests)



VS. 8

“Everyone” receives, finds, and has doors opened?

Keep reading for context

Also, James 4:1-3; Luke 22:39-44; 2 Cor. 12:7-10

Approach God with all the confidence of a child
before a loving parent

THE GOOD, GOOD FATHER VSS. 9-11

The Father is good; the gifts are good

See Ps. 103:5; Ps. 37:4; James 1:17

- At Moriah, a ram in the thicket
- In the desert, manna and quail
- At the Red Sea, a way through
 - At Jericho, sweet victory
- In the lion's den, closed mouths

- On the mountainside, baskets of loaves and fishes
- At a funeral for a widow's only son, resurrection
 - At His arrest, an ear
 - At a well, mercy and grace
 - At Calvary, the gift of God's only Son
- On the Cross, His lifeblood for our forgiveness



If not received...

Was I asking for something not 'good'?

Was it not the right time?

Did it have to do with my motives?

My lack of faith?

THE GOLDEN RULE

The 'Golden Rule' existed in the negative in various religions. ("Don't do it if you don't want it..." Jesus turned it into a positive

How does it sum up the L & P?

All the ethical principles of the Law and the Prophets are wrapped up in this.

See also Matt. 22:39 and Rom. 13:8-9