

The Audacious Ask

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The Ask

Ask, and it shall be given you . . . - Matthew 7:7

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. - Matthew 21:22

But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. - John 11:22

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. - John 14:13

If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. - John 14:14

. . . whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. - John 15:16

. . . Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. - John 16:23

Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. - John 16:24

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. - James 1:5

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above **all that we ask** or think, according to the power that worketh in us . . .

Ephesians 3:20

Who are we Asking?

The One who asks us to ask and promises that He will answer if we do ask

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Matthew 7:7-11

Why Can we Ask?

He has made a Way unto the Throne of Grace, where the asking is made and the answers are found

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled

from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.
Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for
he is faithful that promised) . . .

Hebrews 10:19-23

For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto
the glory of God by us.

2 Corinthians 1:20

How Can we be Assured He will Answer?

Because He has promised and He cannot lie

It (is) impossible for God to lie.

Hebrews 6:18

And being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was
able also to perform.

Romans 4:21

. . . He is faithful that promised.

Hebrews 10:23

Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed,
and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she
judged him faithful who had promised.

Hebrews 11:11

So, When you Ask . . . How Should You Ask?

The Two Ingredients that Please God

1. Faith that God is sure to Answer and delights to Answer
2. God-Sized Requests - Audacious Requests that make God smile

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, **believing**, ye shall receive.

Matthew 21:22

The Pattern of the Ask in the Old Testament

Elijah's Parting

And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on. And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan. And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, **Ask what I shall do for thee**, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over. And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

2 Kings 2:5-15

Elisha's Parting

Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he took unto him bow and arrows. And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand upon it: and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands. And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the LORD'S deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them. And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote three times, and stayed. And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but three times. And Elisha died, and they buried him.

2 Kings 13:14-23