

The Power of Petitioning Prayer

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Luke 11:9-10 (NASB)

The context of these two verses is Jesus teaching His disciples to pray, “*Our Father...*” and then further teaching them through a parable of a neighbor knocking on the door in the middle of the night to obtain help for unexpected visitors. These verses summarize the principles taught in the parable.

To build our faith in the Word of God and to see the implications of our heavenly appearance in the courts of YeHoVaH’s Presence, let’s look at the keywords that Jesus uses in this teaching.

“Ask” (Greek: αἰτέω *aiteō*) This word has the history of being more like a demand in the sense of placing something in action that demands response. Kind of like flipping the light switch on placed a demand upon the electrical generation plant. Once enacted there is a corresponding action. So, it becomes a demand for judgment.

“Seek” (Greek: ζητέω *zēteō*): This word has a history in Greek culture and Hebrew culture to seek (literally or figuratively);

especially, (by Hebraism) to worship (God). To seek with intent to find, to seek a thing, to seek [with the resolve to find out] by thinking, meditating, reasoning, to enquire into, to seek after, seek for, aim at, or even to strive after.

“Knock” (Greek: κρούω krouō): This word means ‘to strike,’ ‘to knock’ in various contexts. It metaphorically comes from the word meaning “driving in nails.” Of course, this gives us the view of the Romans driving nails into the Master's feet and hands.

“Receive” (Greek: λαμβάνω lambanō): Then comes the word, “receive.” This word comes from the basic sense of ‘taking hold of’ or ‘to take to oneself’ or ‘to collect’ or even ‘to seize.’ But it can also mean ‘to acquire’ or ‘to hold or grasp something or someone.’

“Find” (Greek: εὕρισκω heuriskō): This word means to ‘to obtain after a search.’

“Opened” (Greek: ἀνοίγω anoigō): This word means to open as in breaking open. The breaking open could be metaphorically applied as a ‘breakthrough.’

In a short summary, we ask, and the demand is placed upon the substance of heaven, and the gift is delivered into our hands. We search for Him in the depths of worship, and we will find His glory-filled Presence.

When we use a passionate strike force against the gates of hell, we know that the gates of heaven will break forth in glory upon us, and we have instant victory over the gates of hell.

With faith and proper intent in the kind of prayer that Yeshua teaches, these scriptures (and many others) are given strength.

Proverbs 3:5-10 (NASB)

*“Trust in YeHoVaH with all your heart
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge
Him, and He will make your paths straight.
Do not be wise in your own eyes,
Fear YeHoVaH and turn away from evil.
It will be healing to your body
and refreshment to your bones.
Honor YeHoVaH from your wealth
and from the first of all your produce,
So your barns will be filled with plenty
and your vats will overflow with new wine.”*

Luke 9:1 (NASB)

*“And He called the twelve together,
and gave them power and authority
over all the demons and to heal diseases.”*

Prayer:

Bless the Name Yehovah, Master of all creation. For You are mighty in righteousness, and You are my strength. The splendor of Your Name, Yeshua, is my salvation and brings light unto the nations, and Your Name's glory spreads across the universe. I give praise to You, YeHoVaH, my heavenly Father, with all that is within me.

It is my petition that I hand to You in the presence of all who attend to Your Council in the heavens. With my petition, I ask that You give unto me Your divine healing substance and that You cause that precious substance of Your power – Your anointing - to flow through each system of my body and cleanse it from every harmful thing that can produce sickness, disease and trauma. The substance of Your power – Your anointing - is health to my bones, and I trust in You alone.

YeHoVaH, my Father, it is through the Blood of Your only begotten Son that I worship You with all that is within me.

This body You have given me is Your dwelling place, the treasured temple of Your Holy Spirit¹ and all of Your healing and salvation authority is free to work in and through my being.

Your authority, as well as the substance of Your Power to deliver me is unhindered and any grasp of weakness, sickness, disease or trauma is without justification with all permissions removed.

Yeshua's Kingdom healing authority has come to save my body, soul and spirit which is YeHoVaH's dwelling place. In Yeshua's glorious Kingdom Presence.

It is written that Yeshua said, "The gates of hell will not prevail"² and I am boldly stationing myself against those hellish gates and

¹ 1 Corinthians 6:19 & 20

² See Matthew 16: 18, and surrounding verses

awaiting the glorious gates of heaven to break through on my behalf.

My heavenly Father, I humbly but boldly come to You as Your child through the covenant of Blood that makes us one. My demand upon my inheritance is in place so that I will walk in freedom, being delivered from the evil destroyer and being blessed with Your power for my healing and my deliverance.

In the words of Your servant David, it is written, *“I will give thanks to YeHoVaH according to His righteousness and will sing praise to the name of YeHoVaH Elyon.”*³ I give unto You, Abba, my whole heart in gratitude with thanksgiving and praise.

³ Psalm 7:17 & Elyon means “Most High” in Hebrew
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The Model Prayer (See also Matthew 6:9–15)

Luke 11:1-13 (NKJV)

1 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”

2 So He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.”

5 And He said to them, “Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him’;

7 and he will answer from within and say, ‘Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you’?

8 I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

9 “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give

him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish?

12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

Matthew 7:7-12 (NKJV)

Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking

7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

9 Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

10 Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

12 Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Solomon Experiences The Veil Opening, some historical background:

According to Shibbolei HaLekket, is found in the Talmud (Shabbos 30a).

When King Solomon brought the Ark into his newly built Temple, the gates of the Holy of Holies clung to each other miraculously and could not be opened. Solomon recited twenty-four expressions of prayer, but the gates remained closed.

Finally, he pleaded, “YeHoVaH, O Elohim, turn not away the face of Your anointed one. Remember the pieties of David Your servant.” As soon as he mentioned the name of David, he was answered and the gates opened.

At that moment the angels exclaimed, “Blessed are You, YeHoVaH, Whose Name is good, and to You it is fitting to give thanks.”

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