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ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

Matthew 7:7 and Luke 11:9 both give the same words from Jesus as He said, ***“Ask, and it shall be given you. Seek, and ye shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.”***

There are teachings relating to the doctrine of the absolute sovereignty of God that says, ***“If God wanted you to have it, He would give it to you.”*** They place everything that is done upon God himself. Absolute sovereignty takes away the will of man, claiming that God is in complete control of everything in our life, and we have no choice. That is a false teaching. It even teaches that God gives salvation only to those whom he elects, and everyone else will be eternally lost. They teach we have no choice in the matter.

That doctrine is refuted here by God Himself (Jesus, Yeshuah). Jesus tells us here that we do indeed have choices. If there is any good thing or beneficial matter that we desire, we should ask in faith for it. We should actively seek him for it. We should be diligently persistent (knocking) until we receive it.

Jesus further backs it up in John 14:14 when He said, ***“If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it.”*** Jesus also said in John 16:24b, ***“Ask, and receive (so) that your joy may be full (fulfilled).”*** Then in James 4:26 it says, ***“Yet ye have not, because ye ask not.”***

God desires to bless us what is good, but we are to ASK him for it, and not assume that “if he wants me to have it, He will just give it (sovereignly) to me.

Ask, seek, and knock. Be persistent and you will receive it in God’s timing.