

He Gives No Stones

A SERIES ON THE
PROMISES OF PRAYER





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Sermon 4 of
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Jesus' Promises

- “Your Father... will reward you” (Matthew 6.6)
- “You will receive whatever you ask” (Matthew 21.22)
- “Everything you pray and ask for... it will be yours (Mark 11.24)
- “I will do it” (Jn 14.13-14)

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Jesus' Promises

- “It will be done for you” (Jn 15.7)
- “He will give you” (Jn 15.16)
- “He will give you” (Jn 16.23)
- Matthew 7.7-11
- Luke 11.1-13

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Other Promises

- Philippians 4.4-7
- Colossians 4.2
- James 1.5
- James 5.16
- 1 Jn 3.22
- 1 Jn 5.14-16

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Jesus' Conditions

- Pray without pretense (Matt 6.6)
- Pray after forgiving others (Matt 6.12, 14, 15)
- Pray about what is agreeable (Matt 18.19-20)
- Pray with faith, believing (Matt 21.21-22; Mark 11.23-26; James 1.5-8)
- Pray with humility (Lk 18.9-14)
- Pray in Jesus' name (Jn 14.12-14; 15.16; 16.23)
- Abide in Jesus and let His words abide in us (Jn 15.7)

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Other Conditions

- Pray with obedience (1 Jn 3.22)
- Pray with piety (Heb 5.7)
- Pray with understanding (1 Cor 14.15-16)
- Pray with correct relationships (1 Peter 3.7; Matt 5.23-24)
- Pray with repentance (Is 59.1-2)

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Jesus' Guarantees

- These conditions are not a cause to make us lose faith in God's answers
 - They are to motivate us to remove obstacles
 - They are all conditions we should be meeting as disciples
- Jesus isn't coping out of His promises
 - He is guaranteeing answers for those who follow Him

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Do We Believe?

- Some of us are looking with expectations for God's promised answers
- Some of us are looking for explanations for lack of answers
 - We express doubt
 - We explain away His silence
 - We use Jesus' prayers as our excuse
- The true test of answered prayers

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The Litmus Test of Prayer

- ¹⁹ **This is how we will know that we belong to the truth** and will reassure our hearts before Him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and He knows all things. ²¹ Dear friends, **if** our hearts don't condemn us, **we have confidence** before God ²² **and receive whatever we ask from Him** because we keep His commands and do what is pleasing in his sight (1 Jn 3.19-22).

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Our Identity

- Not just in obedience
- Not just in pleasing Him (worshipping Him)
- Having confidence in Him
- Having our confidence verified through answered prayers!

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