

Your Father Isn't Annoyed by Your Prayers

Sermon on the Mount - Matthew 7:7-11

INTRODUCTION

HOW WE ARE TO PRAY (vs. 7-8)

Three Types of Prayer

1. Simple Prayer – *Ask, and it will be given to you. For everyone who asks receives.*

Other verses used: James 4:2b; James 1:5-6; Mark 11:22-23; 1 John 3:22

2. Searching Prayer – *Seek, and you will find ... the one who seeks finds.*

Other verses used: Psalm 139:23-24; 2 Corinthians 12:7-9

3. Overcoming Prayer – *Knock, and it will be opened to you ... and to the one who knocks it will be opened...*

Other verses used: Daniel 10:7-13

WHO WE ARE WE PRAYING TO (vs. 7-11)

1. Prayer is knowing who to seek regarding the most important matters in life.
2. Be willing to ask, seek and knock because our Father is ready and eager to answer, reveal and open.
3. God has never once heard a prayer request that intimidated Him.

JESUS' SUMMARY: (vs. 9-11)

God's will and way are always best, even when we do not understand them.

When you pray:

1. Acknowledge that your heavenly Father is absolutely crazy about you.
2. Believe that God wants better for you than you want for yourself.
3. Know that talking with God anytime about anything is always a worthwhile decision.