

# Ask, Seek, Knock/The Narrow Way

Matt 7:7-12,13-14

**Q: What kind of progression can you see in verse 7?**

Ask is to want, seek is to go after, knock is to add force at the finding

**Q: What does this relate to in scripture? Where and in reference to what does this come up?**

Salvation, satisfaction Read Jer 29:13, Malachi 3:6-7, Matt 5:6, Hebrews 11:6

**Q: Ask and receive, seek and find, knock and it shall be opened, what do these really mean?**

A call to trust that God is good. What we get is good, whether we believe it or not.

**Q: We often make statements about asking in God's will. What things are in His will? What are we guaranteed to get if we ask for it**

There are some promises, requests that are guaranteed - The Holy Spirit, Deliverance, Salvation, Wisdom

Read 1 Chronicles 1:9-12, James 1:5, Luke 11:13, Joel 2:32, Acts 2:21, Romans 10:13

**Side Q: Are you ok being called evil?**

I quote this verse often and I have no problem with that. Can you accept that? What does Jesus mean by that? (Gen 8:21, Ecc 3:16, Isa 64:6, Jer 17:9)

**Q: What does verse 12 have to do with this section?**

Thematically it is found here in Matt 7:12 and thematically somewhat differently placed in Luke 6:31. In this section it speaks of receiving and doing good matching the whole will of God, love toward man and God. In Luke 6 it is stated in the same sense after the corollary in Matt 5, loving enemies, good toward all without bounds.

**Q: Read verses 13-14, do these verses advocate a works based salvation?**

No. Asking and seeking correctly. Asking amiss (James 4:3) and seeking amiss (Luke 18:18 - it's not a "do" but a humble cry for salvations followed by doing in the Spirit)

**Q: Why will only few will earn it?**

Few will humble themselves to ask for it, be humble enough to receive. Salvation is a God-given gift (John 1:12-13, Ephesians 2:8-10). Luke 18:24-27

(Luke 6:31 - Golden Rule vs Matt 7:12) - thematic? repetition?

(Luke 11:13 - Holy Spirit vs Golden Rule Matt 7:12) (thematic - prayer for Luke)