

# **ASKING, SEEKING & KNOCKING**

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7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth; and to him knocketh it shall be opened. **Matthew 7:7-8**

There are three realms of prayer by which the saints have access to operate in and can there by flow. Jesus who is the chief apostle in these few verses begins to unveil a pattern by which we are to make intercession.

I believe apostles have been set in the church to not only be prototypes but also to implement and activate. These two factors are paramount in the times in which we live. There are so many problems yet no solutions.

We have a mandate to put into effect and cause solutions to come forth in the earth realm with our prayers to bless our regions.

**The first realm or level mentioned by Jesus is to ask and it shall be given.**

The word *ask* means to inquire of, to request information about, to demand, expect or desire to invite. This type of intercession creates the atmosphere for God the Father to fill voids and release an abundance of resources.

I like to connect/link asking to prayers of supplication. *Zechariah 12:10* declares that God would pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and of supplications.

I'm convinced that in the place prayer we need the spirit of grace (God's favor) to make the right supplications (requests).

The days ahead which our societies face are those of dread if the saints don't rise up and begin to request, inquire, invite and demand that the will of God be done and enforced in the territories which we inhabit. The earth has He given to the children of men *Psalms 115:16b*.

We must come to the place of receiving revelation, which will enlighten the eyes of our understanding. Revelation when released whether by preaching, teaching or in the place of prayer activates the spirit of faith and power.

The Word of God declares that we have been given power over all the power of the enemy. As we ask for the power of God to be loosed that is exactly what we

will receive, so rise up ye saints of the Most High and know that as we ask of Him it's His good pleasure to give unto us the kingdom!

**Scriptures of applicable for this realm of prayer:**

Asking – Psalm 2:7-9  
Demanding – Psalm 5:8-10  
Request – Psalm 7:6  
Inquiring – Jeremiah 33:3

**The second realm or level mentioned by Jesus is to seek and ye shall find.**

The word *seek* means to try to find, to discover, to try to obtain. This realm of prayer is likened unto prophetic intercession. When the church unleashes this kind of prayer the Father begins to reveal what is on His mind and to proclaim His counsel.

Prophetic intercession does not come with set guidelines or established perimeters as a necessity. Unlike informed intercession which we release based on what we know or have learned, prophetic intercession is established on what God knows, meaning what is on His mind.

Praying in tongues, praying by unction, praying by impression, praying by vision (open) and praying by revelation are all manifestations of prophetic intercession. Jesus engaged this dimension of intercession in the place of Gethsemane when He begin to utter forth *Matthew 26: 39b*. He proclaimed never the less, not as I will but Thy will be done.

Prophetically His pursuit in prayer was for God's counsel or mind to now be the portion to come forth. This request, while in a seek mode caused divine alignment to infiltrate Gethsemane and settle in the heart of Jesus, God's ordained will for His life.

**Scriptures applicable for this realm of prayer:**

Romans 8:24-25  
Jude – 24-25  
I Corinthians – 14:1-3  
Psalm – 63: 1-2  
Matthew – 6:33  
Hebrew – 11:6

**The third realm or level mentioned by Jesus is to knock and the door shall be opened.**

The word *knock* means to strike with a sharp or hard blow, to collide or cause to collide with, to be rough and brutal with, to disassemble into parts. This realm is likened unto warfare prayer, one of my favorites personally.

Growing up on the rugged streets of the Westside of Chicago knocking was a common thing. Warfare prayer if to be initiated accurately must be launched by Apostles.

They are God's military commanders, His governors and His captains. When we look at the word warfare from *II Corinthians 10:4* its root is derived from a Greek word called strateia 4752 – 4754 this language encompasses the apostolic career.

It's in this realm where the sent ones have grace to muster the saints together in corporate gatherings for the purpose of disassembling the powers of darkness.

There are doors to nations, regions and people groups which will not come open except for the prayers of sent ones. Paul encouraged the church of Colossae to continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving; withal praying also for us that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ for which I am also in bonds:

That I may make it manifest as I ought to speak *Colossians 4:2-4*. Here the Apostle Paul understood that a door in the spirit must be opened if he was to speak forth the mysteries of Christ.

The words that Apostles release in the earth will always bring direction, clarity, encouragement, wisdom, and upgrade.

Doors of utterance must be opened by way of warfare prayer if the earth is to become a recipient of the blessings, which Apostles have the ability to release. Saints let's rise to the occasion for our generation and give life to the things that God has ordained by asking, seeking and knocking in the place of prayer.

**Scriptures applicable for this realm of prayer:**

Collide – I Kings 17:1  
Travail – I Kings 18:41-46  
Dismantle – Isaiah 42:13-15