



75. He Know's What He's Doing

Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened. Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he?" That is Luke 11:9-12.

Jesus taught about prayer ... about asking and receiving. He taught that we *should* ask. Jesus taught that we *would* be answered when we ask. Ask, and you will receive. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened. God always answers ... and His answers are good.

Do you believe what Jesus said? Do you believe that God always answers and that He won't ever give a snake when you ask for a fish, or a scorpion when you ask for an egg? Sometimes it's difficult to see His answers because we want instant results. What would you think if you prayed, "Lord, please give me hope" and then tribulation came? Would you believe that God was answering your prayer and that His answer was good? Or would you think that He was ignoring you or had given a scorpion instead of an egg? Consider Romans 5:3-5, "*Tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint.*" The tribulation that comes after praying for hope is not a scorpion. God uses tribulation to develop hope in you through perseverance and proven character. Trust Him. He knows what He's doing. He does answer and His answers are good.