

MESSAGE NOTES

JANUARY 12, 2020

9:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Gordy Whipps

"PRAY- A.S.K. ASK, SEEK, KNOCK"

Matthew 7:7-11

The point of the passage: Our practice of prayer is prompted by God's promises for prayer.

The Practice of Prayer (v. 7)

1. Keep on **A**sking
2. Keep on **S**eeking
3. Keep on **K**nocking

The Promises for Prayer (v. 8)

1. We receive answers
See John 14:13-14 (*See note)
2. We find answers
See Jeremiah 29:12-13
3. God opens doors of opportunity
1 Corinthians 16:9

The Pattern for Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

1. God's Person (v. 9)
2. God's Program (v. 10)
3. God's Provision (v. 11)
4. God's Pardon (v. 12)
5. God's Protection (v. 13)

*Note on Prayer in Jesus' Name:

Dr. J. Carl Laney in his book The Story of Jesus (c. 2019, p. 185) wrote:

"To pray 'in Jesus' name' is to appeal to the Father on the basis of the merits of His Son. It is like saying to our heavenly Father, 'I believe this prayer is consistent with what Jesus wants for me and so I'm signing His name to my request.' We can be assured that God will answer prayers asked in Jesus' name 'that the Father may be glorified in the Son' (John 14:13).

So, let's A.S.K. – and trust God to answer!

NEXT SUNDAY

January 19, 2020
9:30 & 11:00 A.M.

"A Chat with the Elders"

Spanish interpretation available at 11:00am service