



# Ask Your Heavenly Father

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*"The doctrine of providence teaches Christians that they are never in the grip of blind fortune, chance, luck, or fate. All that happens to them is divinely planned, and each event comes as a new summons to trust, obey, and rejoice, knowing that all is for one's spiritual and eternal good."* ~J.I. Packer

- 1) What is your initial response to Jesus' promise that those who ask are given and those who seek, find? Surprised? Offended?
- 2) Read Matthew 7:7-12. Why is it so hard to ask in prayer? The sermon talked about our world being 'enchanted' by our Heavenly Father's providence. How do you train your eyes to see that God's world is enchanted by His hidden presence? (see. Jeremiah 23:23-24) How does the Gospel show us God's generous Providence?
- 3) Why should we ask God for good things in prayer? Why should we ask God for good things in prayer? What are Jesus' reasons as to why we should ask? Why don't we ask?
- 4) What should we ask for? What good thing should we ask for? (see Luke 11:13)
- 5) How do you apply the Golden Rule to your prayers? What specifically would that look like in your life?

Take time to pray that God would make you more childlike in prayer.