



“ASK, SEEK, KNOCK: OUR GOOD FATHER GIVES GOOD GIFTS”

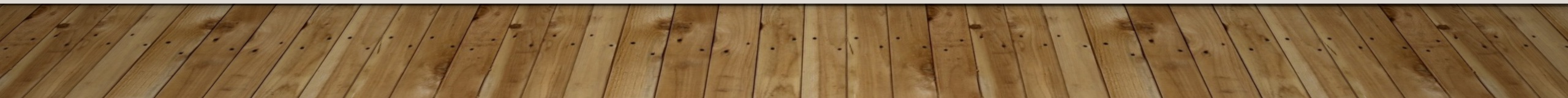
MATTHEW 7:7-11 BIBLE STUDY

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CONTEXT

- Do not **give** what is **holy** to **dogs**, nor throw your **pearls** before **pigs**, lest they trample them under their feet and turn and tear you to pieces.
(Mt 7:6, AT)
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CONTEXT



Do not speak to **fools**,

for they will **scorn your prudent words**. (Pr 23:9, NIV)

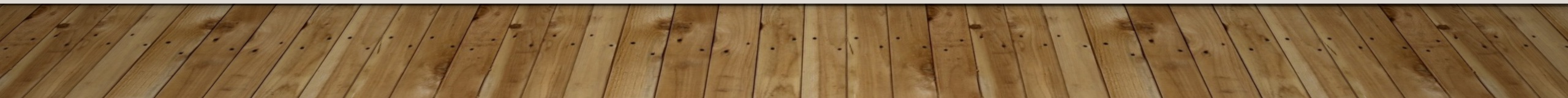


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7 Whoever corrects a **mocker** invites **insults**;
whoever rebukes the **wicked** incurs **abuse**.

8 Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you;
rebuke the wise and they will love you.

(Pr 9:7-8, NIV)





CONTEXT



- 14 For if **you forgive** other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will **also forgive you**. 15 But if you do **not forgive** others their sins, your Father will **not forgive** your sins. (Mt 6:14-15, NIV)



CONTEXT

- 5 Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ 7 And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your **shameless audacity** he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. (Lk 11:5-8, NIV)



CONTEXT

- **“So I say to you:** Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. (Lk 11:9, NIV)



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- 7 Ask [repeatedly] and it will be given to you. Seek [repeatedly] and you will find. Knock [repeatedly] and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, it will be opened. (Mt 7:7-8, AT)
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- **7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. (Mt 6:7-8, NIV)**



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- This is the **text of the letter** that the **prophet Jeremiah** sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the **exiles** and to the priests, the prophets and **all the other people Nebuchadnezzar** had carried into **exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.** (Jer 29:1, NIV)



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- This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I **carried into exile** from Jerusalem to Babylon: (Jer 29:4, NIV)
- 8 Yes, this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “**Do not** let the **prophets** and **diviners** among you **deceive you**. Do not listen to the **dreams** you encourage them to have. 9 They are **prophesying lies** to you in my name. I have not sent them,” declares the LORD. (Jer 29:8-9, NIV)



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They dress the **wound** of my people
as **though it were not serious.**

‘Peace, peace,’ they say,

when **there is no peace.** (Jer 6:14, NIV; cf. Jer 8:11)



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16 This is what the LORD Almighty says:

“Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you;
they fill you with **false hopes.**

They speak **visions from their own minds,**
not from the mouth of the LORD.

17 They keep saying to those who **despise me,**
‘The LORD says: **You will have peace.**’

And to all who **follow the stubbornness of their hearts**

they say, ‘**No harm will come to you.**’ (Jer 23:16-17, NIV; cf. Jer 14:14, 27:9)



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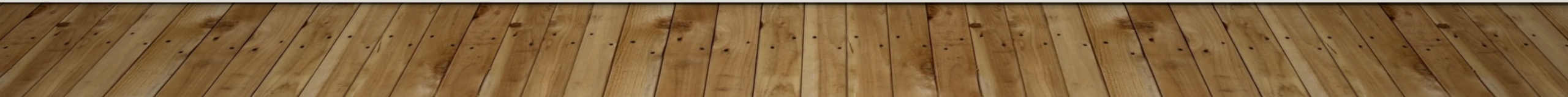
1 In the fifth month of that same year, the fourth year, early in the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, the prophet Hananiah son of Azzur, who was from Gibeon, said to me in the house of the LORD in the presence of the priests and all the people: 2 “This is **what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says**: ‘I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon. 3 **Within two years** I will bring back to this place all the articles of the LORD’s house that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon removed from here and took to Babylon. 4 I will also bring back to this place Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim king of Judah and all the other exiles from Judah who went to Babylon,’ **declares the LORD**, ‘for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.’ ” (Jer 28:1-4, NIV)



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7 Nevertheless, listen to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: 8 From early times the prophets who preceded you and me have **prophesied war, disaster and plague** against many countries and great kingdoms. 9 But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as one truly sent by the LORD **only if his prediction comes true.**” (Jer 28:7-9, NIV)





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- 15 Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, “Listen, Hananiah! The LORD **has not sent you**, yet you have **persuaded this nation to trust in lies**. 16 Therefore this is what the LORD says: ‘I am about to remove you from the face of the earth. This very year you **are going to die**, because you have preached rebellion against the LORD.’ ”

17 In the seventh month of that **same year**, Hananiah the prophet died.
(Jer 28:15-17, NIV)





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- 10 This is what the LORD says: “When **seventy years** are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to **bring you back to this place**. 11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jer 29:10-11, NIV)



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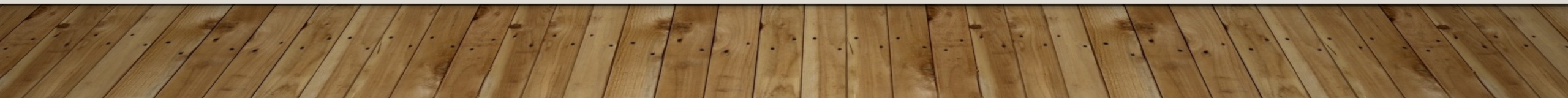
- 12 Then you will call on me and come and **pray** to me, and **I will listen to you.** 13 You will **seek me** and **find me** when you **seek me with all your heart.** 14 I will be **found** by you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.” (Jer 29:12-14, NIV; cf. Jer 36:12-13 LXX)



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I love those who love me,

and those who **seek** me **find** me.

(Pr 8:17, NIV; cf. Pr 1:28; Pr 2:4-5)



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- 5 If any of you **lacks wisdom**, that person must **ask God**, who gives to all sincerely and without reproaching, **and it will be given to you.** 6 But they must ask in faith, not wavering in doubt. For the one who doubts is like a surge of waves on the sea, being blown by the wind and tossed back and forth. (Jas 1:5-6, AT)



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9 “This, then, is how you should pray:

“ ‘Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,

10 your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.’ (Mt 6:9-13, NIV)



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- I will **show the holiness** of my **great name**, which has been **profaned** among the nations, the name **you have profaned** among them. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Sovereign LORD, when I am **proved holy through you before their eyes**. (Ezek 36:23, NIV)



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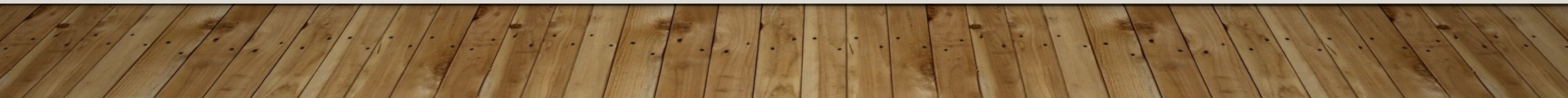


- 32 “For the Gentiles **eagerly seek** all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 “But **seek first His kingdom and His righteousness**, and all these things will be added to you. (Mt 6:32-33, NASB)



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- Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will **find rest for your souls.** (Mt 11:29, NIV)





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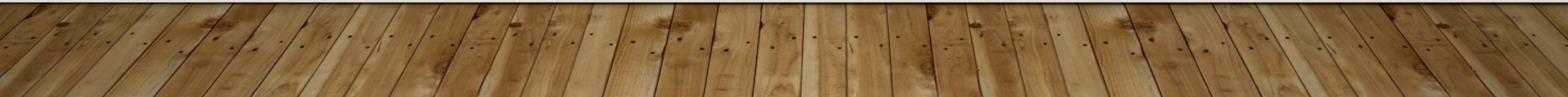
- 44 “The kingdom of heaven is like **treasure** hidden in a field. When a man **found** it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. 45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine **pearls**. 46 When he **found** one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. (Mt 13:44-46, NIV)



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- For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever **loses their life for me** will **find it**.
(Mt 16:25, NIV)

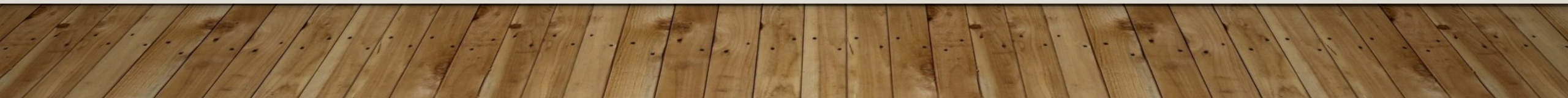




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- 13 “Enter through the narrow **gate**. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the **gate** and narrow the road that **leads to life**, and only a few find it. (Mt 7:13-14, NIV)





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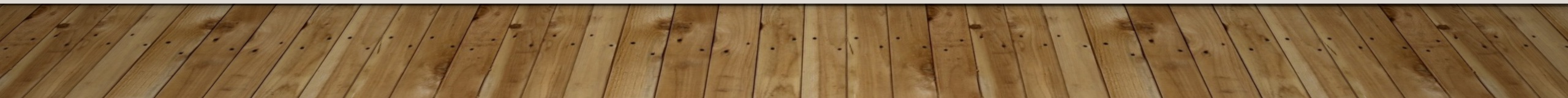
- 7 As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.
(Mt 10:7-8, NIV)



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- 9 “Do not **get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts**—10 no **bag** for the journey or **extra shirt or sandals** or a **staff**, for the worker is worth his keep. 11 Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave. (Mt 10:9-11, NIV)

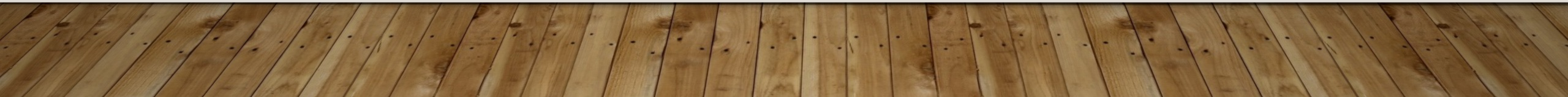




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- 12 As you enter the home, give it your greeting. 13 If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. 14 If anyone **will not welcome you or listen to your words**, leave that home or town and **shake the dust off your feet**. 15 Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. (Mt 10:12-15, NIV)





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- Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet **not as I will, but as you will.**” (Mt 26:39, NIV)



MATTHEW 7:9-11 GOOD GIFTS, GOOD FATHER



- 9 Or, what man is among you who, if his son asks for bread, will hand him a stone? 10 Or, if he asked for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father – the One in Heaven – give good [things] to those who ask Him? (Mt 7:9-11, AT)
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