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you.” – John 16:23



# Introduction

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- The Lord Jesus revealed to us the Father
- Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father...” (Jn. 14:8-9)

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- “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you... for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.” (Jn. 16:23, 27)

# Why Ask?



# Asking God: Inquiry

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- Samaritan woman
- “Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.” (Jn. 4:20)



# Asking God: Pleading/Entreaty

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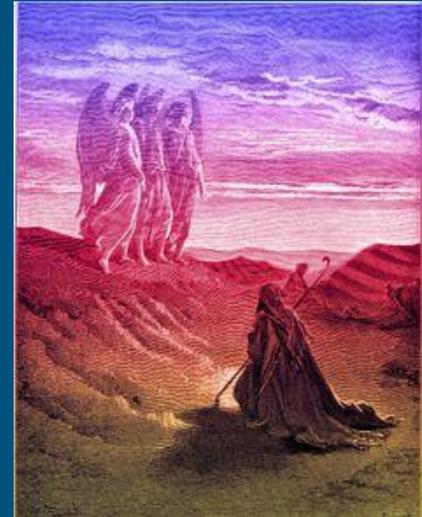
- Moses
- Then Moses pleaded with the Lord his God, and said: “Lord, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?” (Gen. 32:11)



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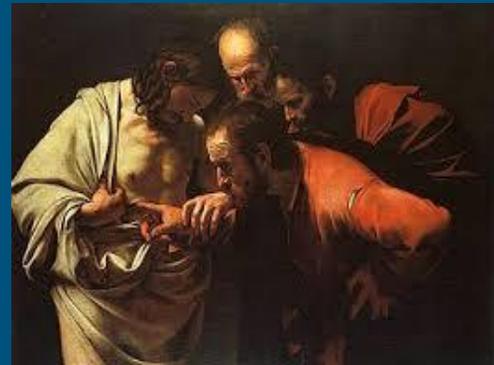
- And Abraham came near and said, “Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it?” (Gen. 18:23-24)
- “...pray for one another...” (Jam. 5:16)



# Asking God: Doubt

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- St. Thomas the Apostle
- Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” (Mk. 9:23-24)



# Asking others: To Give

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- Healing of the Paralytic at Bethesda
- “Do you want to be made well?” (Jn. 5:6)
- St. John the Baptist
- “He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.” (Lk. 3:11)
- “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”  
(Acts 20:35)

# Asking others: To Test

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- The Lord Jesus questions the chief priests
- But Jesus answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things: 25 The baptism of John—where was it from? From heaven or from men?”  
(Matt. 21:24-25)

# Asking others: To Test

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- We must test all things
- “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.” (1 Pet. 5:8)
- “For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.” (Matt. 24:24)
- “Test all things; hold fast what is good.” (1 Thes. 5:21)

# Conclusion

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- Asking God:
  - Inquire
  - Pleading/Entreaty
  - Doubt
  
- Asking Others:
  - To Give
  - To Test