

Matthew 7:10

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Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

Analysis

A fish versus a serpent continues the comparison. No father would endanger his child by giving a snake instead of fish. God will not mock, trick, or harm those who ask. This builds confidence in prayer—God is trustworthy, generous, and good, always giving what is truly best for His children.

Historical Context

Some fish in the Sea of Galilee resembled serpents, making this another vivid comparison. The point is clear: fathers don't deceive or harm their children, and God is infinitely better than the best human father.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does trusting God's fatherly goodness change your prayer life and expectations?
2. When has God given you something different than you asked for that proved to be better?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ἐὰν	ἰχθὺν	αἰτήσῃ,	μὴ	ὄφιν	ἐπιδώσῃ	αὐτῷ
Or	if	a fish	he ask	will he give	a serpent	G1929	him
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