

# Matthew 7:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

## Analysis

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God is not a reluctant giver who must be begged or manipulated. He's a generous Father who loves giving good gifts to His children. If a human father wouldn't mock his son's need by giving a stone instead of bread, how much more will the Heavenly Father give what His children need?

## Historical Context

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Round stones resembled bread loaves, making the comparison vivid. Ancient Middle Eastern culture emphasized family obligation to provide for children. Jesus argues from lesser to greater: if sinful human fathers provide for their children, how much more will the perfect Father?

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How do you view God—as a reluctant giver requiring persuasion or as a generous Father delighting to give?
2. What requests have you hesitated to bring to God, and why?

## Interlinear Text

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ἢ	τίς	ἐστιν	ἐξ	ὑμῶν	ἄνθρωπος	ὃν	ἐὰν	αἰτήσῃ
<b>Or</b>	<b>what</b>	<b>is</b>	<b>there of</b>	<b>you</b>	<b>man</b>	<b>whom</b>	<b>if</b>	<b>ask</b>
G2228	G5101	G2076	G1537	G5216	G444	G3739	G1437	G154
ὁ	υἱὸς	αὐτῷ;	ἄρτον	μὴ	λίθον	ἐπιδώσει	αὐτῷ;	
G3588	<b>son</b>	<b>him</b>	<b>bread</b>	<b>will he give</b>	<b>a stone</b>	G1929	<b>him</b>	
	G5207	G846	G740	G3361	G3037		G846	

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