

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

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

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

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

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

ἢ	τίς	ἐστιν	ἐξ	ὑμῶν	ἄνθρωπος	ον	ἐὰν	αἰτήσῃ
Or	what	is	there of	you	man	whom	if	ask
G2228	G5101	G2076	G1537	G5216	G444	G3739	G1437	G154
ο	υἱὸς	αὐτῷ;	ἄρτον	μὴ	λίθον	ἐπιδώσει	αὐτῷ;	
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