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Matthew 7:7 **“ Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will opened to you.**

ASK AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Father, I give you thanks and praise again, for another opportunity to share with your people, Your Divine message this month. It always is a special privilege, to be one of Your many spiritual vehicles. The sole purpose is, to spread the good news of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Thanks Abba Father.

This months spiritual message, is just another example of the power that we all have as believers, when we call on the Lord's power.

Last month, me and my wife, signed up for our first real vacation in over 11 years. When I say a real vacation, I mean just that. We signed up for a 7 day island cruise to 3 different islands. This cruise would take us around three thousand miles to complete. We first cruised to Bermuda. Then from Bermuda, down to Stirrup Cay Bahamas. Then from Stirrup Cay Bahamas, to Nassau Bahamas. Then from Nassau Bahamas, back to New York!

As we entered the ship, all kinds of uncertainties began to fill my emotions. I began to think of all kinds of fearful thoughts. What if this happened ?, or what if that happens? These emotions started to overwhelm me with the devils fear. As we talked about before in previous messages, the devil knows all of our fears. He uses these same fears, to frighten us, and to control us. When we are fearful, we tend to keep our eyes off of Jesus. Satan, continues to do this time after time, to test our faith. He wants to see if our faith is planted in the word of God, or in this world. The reason why he continues to test us, is the fact that he waits to see if the world has beat us down enough yet, before he begins his deadly attack! As I could feel myself being drawn into the devils fear trap, I started to get more fearful about this trip. At that point, the Holy Spirit whispered in my ear and said, Dennis you have nothing to fear because God is living inside of you. As soon as I started to realize that, I prayed to Jesus to take my fears and worries away. No sooner then a few minutes after my prayer request was submitted to the Lord, the fear completely disappeared. After the fear had gone, I prayed another prayer to the Lord. I prayed, Father up above, if it be Your Will, may me and my wife have a great vacation. Well let me tell you something, it not only was a great vacation, it was a vacation from Heaven.

When we first started to sail out of New York, the rain started coming down in buckets. At first I started to think that this was not a good sign, considering the fact that the last two 7 day cruises were wash outs.

Something inside of me was keeping me calm and peaceful as if the sun was shining. I can't explain it, other then the fact that I felt certain, that the Lord had something very special for me and my wife that week.

As we started to head out to sea, all of a sudden the rain stopped, and the sun started to shine. Well let me tell you, for the next 7 days of cruising, the weather was as if you died, and went to heaven.

When I say died and went to heaven, I mean the weather was magnificent! There were no clouds, no rain, or no heavy wind, the whole week. These islands we cruised to, were the closest thing to heaven so far, in my lifetime. The people were all so friendly and happy all the time. The crime rate over there, is next to nothing. Those islands, reminded me when the Lord spoke to Moses about going to a land full of milk and honey. Everywhere we traveled, everything was so beautiful, all I kept saying to myself was, thank You Father, thank You Jesus, and thank You Holy Spirit.

As the week was nearing the end, when I thought that it could not get any better, God blessed us with another blessing, we hit the jack pot bingo for \$4,185.00. That was just about the total cost of the whole vacation. When we returned home at the end of the week, all I could think of, was the amazing power that sincere prayer can be, and how awesome our God really is!

The Spirit inspired me to write this story, as just another example of the power of prayer, through faith and obedience to the Lord our God.

At this time you must be saying to yourself, I pray and never had nothing like that happen to me. Well, when it comes to a vacation, neither have I ! I believe in our lifetime, things happen according to God's will, and God's time, not ours. I hear so many people from time to time, complaining about the fact that they have prayed for this or for that, with no success.

The reason why most of us fail when it comes to prayer, is the fact that we are not steadfast with our prayers. We all want our prayers to be answered yesterday. Patience is not one of our best attributes.

In the Bible, there are numerous scriptures with respect to God' prayers.

In Jeremiah 29:12 the Lord says: **Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.** In Job 22:27 He says: **You will pray to Him, and He will hear you.** In the book of James 5:16 the Lord says; **Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The pray of a righteous man is powerful and effective.** In the Bible there are so many scriptures on prayer. But the main point I would like to get across this month is, never stop praying to the Lord.

For in praying, we all have a direct line to the Lord. Also, **ASK AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU, SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND!**

Till next month message, may God bless all of us and keep us in His love, grace, and mercy always.....Amen.

AUGUST EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING
PRAYER RELEASES GOD'S POWER *By Billy Graham*

1 Thessalonians 5:17 **Pray without ceasing.**

How many times have you heard someone say, "All I can do is pray"? All I can do is pray?! You might as well say to a starving man "All I can do is offer you food", or to a sick person, "All I can do is give you medicine that will make you well," or to a poor child, "All I can do is buy the toy you most want for your birthday."

Praying unlocks the doors of heaven and releases the power of God. James 4:2 says "**You do not have because you do not ask.**" The Bible says in Phillipians 4:6 "**Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God**" This is true not only for our needs but the needs of others.

So often our prayers focus only on ourselves. But God wants to use us, through our prayers, to touch the lives of other people as well. For whom should you be praying this day?

SPIRITUAL PROVERBIAL THOUGHTS

Proverbs 10:2 **Ill-gotten treasures are of no value, but righteousness delivers from death.**

Proverbs 10:9 **The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out**

SPECIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK

Adrienne Martino Janet Young Jennifer Smit Carly Napolliello
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Until next month, may the Lord our Savior, guide us and direct us always, through prayer and obedience to His Everlasting Words!