

December 21, 2014 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

### PART 42: A GENEROUS FATHER

Sermon on the Mount: **PART 9** *Matthew 7*:7-12

God hears and **ANSWERS** prayer.

#### IT'S BEEN SAID THAT GOD ANSWERS PRAYER IN THREE WAYS:

- Yes.
- 2. No.
- ASK AGAIN LATER.

### **REASONS GOD DOESN'T SAY "YES"**

- 1. I asked for **THE WRONG THING**.
- 2. I asked in **THE WRONG WAY**.
  - a. The Wrong Reason
  - b. **THE WRONG TIMING**
  - c. I have sin to repent of.

### 3. It simply **ISN'T GOD'S WILL**.

## HOW CAN I BE SURE TO ASK FOR THE RIGHT THING, IN THE RIGHT WAY, ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL?

You must **ABIDE**. (cf. John 5:4-7; 14-16)

#### THE PRIMARY ISSUE

The primary issue at stake in this passage is NOT **HOW TO PRAY**...

The primary issue at stake in this passage is **YOUR VIEW OF GOD**.

God the Father is a perfect father who loves you and delights to give good gifts to his children!

### 1:10 COMMUNITY GROUP

# **HOMEWORK**



Most 1:10 Groups will not be meeting this week. So instead of 1:10 Homework, we're including the account of Jesus' birth.

This year on Christmas Day or Christmas Eve, take time with your family to read through the account together. Maybe you would take time to consider what this event would have been like from each person's perspective (i.e. Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds, God the Father, etc.).

As you close take time to thank God the Father for the generous gift of his Son!

#### Luke 2:1-20

- 1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.
- 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria.
- **3** And all went to be registered, each to his own town.
- 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,
- **5** to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.
- **6** And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.
- **7** And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.
- **8** And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
- **9** And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.
- **10** And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.
- 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
- 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."
- **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
- 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"
- 15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made
- known to us."
- **16** And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. **17** And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning
- this child.
- 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.
- **19** But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.
- **20** And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

You might also read Matthew 1:18-25.

## PRAYER GUIDE WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2014

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