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Psalm 50:1-23; Matthew 7:7-11 / Exodus 20:1-17

### I. Jesus Encourages Believers

A. The Savior encourages His people to seek what they need. Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: (MATTHEW 7:7)

B. God has always been ready to hear and help. LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear: (PSALM 10:17) along with For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. (Matthew 7:8)

C. God particularly likes to help the helpless. And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." (PSALM 50:15)

D. Seeking help from God is the opposite of selfishness or self-centeredness. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. (JOHN 15:7) along with Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. (JOHN 15:16)

E. Do you have unmet needs? The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them. (PSALM 145:18-19)

### II. Assume the Best of God

A. Love requires some difficult judgments. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. (1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7)

B. Even the shadow of love which people experience in human relationships points in the direction of trust. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? (MATTHEW 7:9-10)

C. If you love God, expect the best of Him. If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? (MATTHEW 7:11)

### III. Bring Your Needs to the Savior

A. God will deal with your guilt. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. (PSALM 51:7)

B. Jesus will refresh the weary soul. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (Matthew 11:28-29)

C. God will restore what the world has worn away from life. For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. (ISAIAH 57:15)

D. God will renew hope. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (ROMANS 12:2) along with But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. (JOHN 20:31)

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