

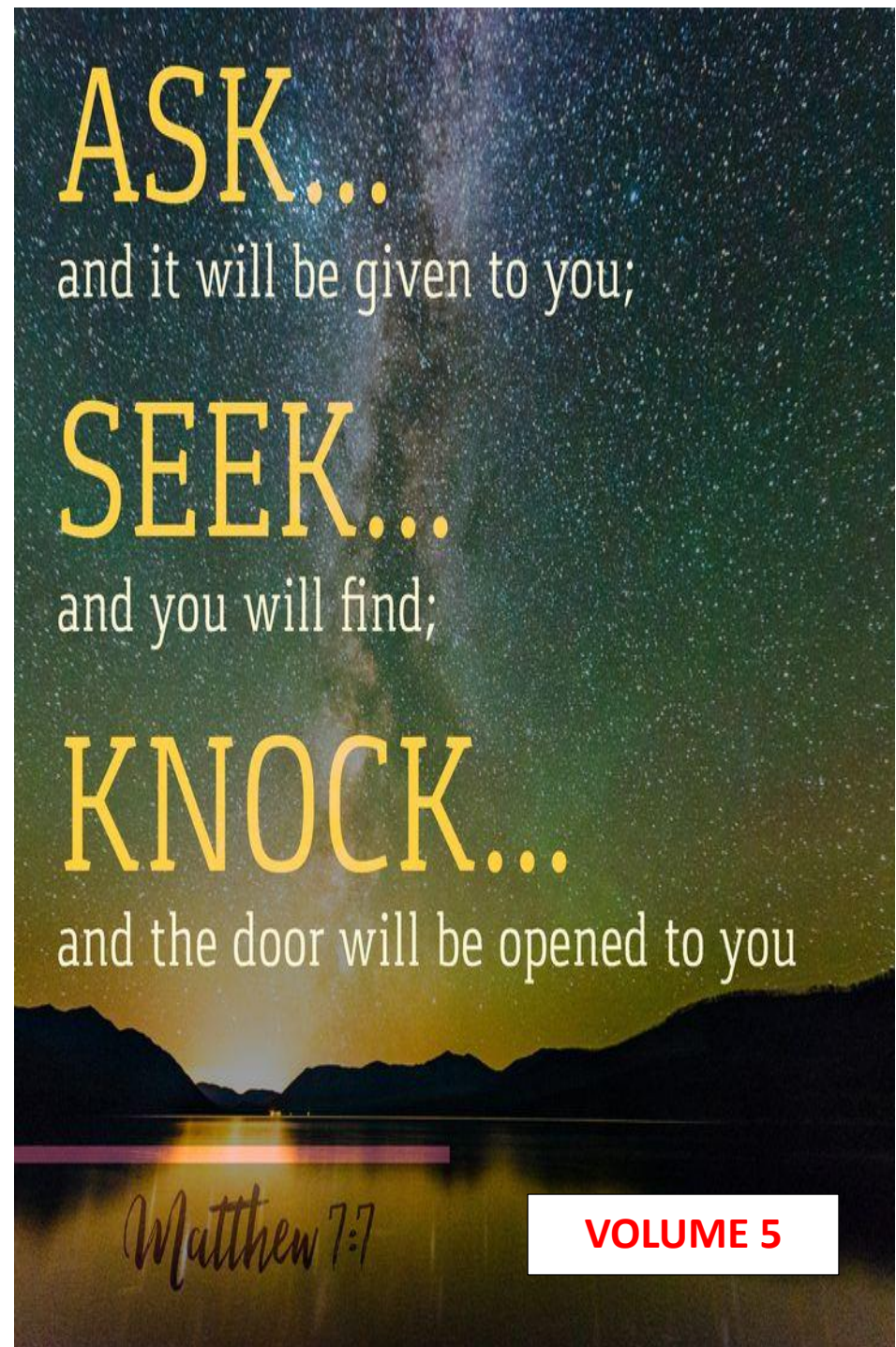
(Luke 11:10 NKJV) “For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”

Receiving the Holy Spirit from God is simply a matter of asking for him, and then believing that you have received him. To receive the Holy Spirit right now, simply pray the prayer below—directing it to God and meaning it with all of your heart. Then thank him that his answer to your asking is, “Yes!” Remember, Jesus assures you that “everyone who asks receives.” God is not holding back; he wants you to be filled with, and clothed by, his Spirit of holiness:

PRAYER

“Heavenly Father, I come to you in Jesus’s name. Today, I ask you in Jesus’s name to fill me with your Holy Spirit, to baptize me in his fire, and to clothe me in his power. According to the promise in your word, I believe that your answer is, “Yes,” and that therefore by faith I have received your Holy Spirit into my life today. Thank you, Father in Jesus’s name. I love you. Amen.”

Luke 11:13 KJV If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?



Luke 11:9-13 KJV And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. (10) For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. (11) If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? (12) Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? (13) If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

I. ASK – Reveals your desire for the Holy Spirit.

a. Be willing to ask for the Holy Spirit.

James 4:2 KJV ... ye have not, because ye ask not.

b. Know how to ask for the Holy Spirit.

Mark 11:24-25 KJV Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. (25) And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

c. Have the right motives when asking for the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:18-22 KJV And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, (19) Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. (20) But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. (21) Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. (22) Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

- **Desire is your motivation to pursue the Holy Spirit.**

II. SEEK – Reveals your passion for the Holy Spirit.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 KJV For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. (12) Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. (13) And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

- a. Passion inspires you to do your best while seeking the Holy Spirit.
- b. Passion keeps you encouraged while seeking the Holy Spirit.
- c. Passion shields your heart while seeking the Holy Spirit.

- **Passion is your emotional investment to pursue the Holy Spirit.**

III. KNOCK – Reveals your determination for the Holy Spirit.

Luke 11:5-8 KJV And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; (6) For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? (7) And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. (8) I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

- a. Determination refuses to accept no while pursuing the Holy Spirit.
- b. Determination stands on a foundation of faith while pursuing the Holy Spirit.
- c. Determination believes your petition is legitimate while pursuing the Holy Spirit.
- **Determination is the discipline of your will to pursue the Holy Spirit.**