

## **James – The Beginning of Wisdom - Asking**

**Exodus 28:3** So you shall speak to all who are gifted artisans, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments, to consecrate him, that he may minister to Me as priest.

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### **God the Giver**

**Romans 11:35 TPT** "Who has ever first given something to God that obligates God to owe him something in return?"

### ***Breathing the Breath Matt Redman***

*We have nothing to give  
That didn't first come from Your hands  
We have nothing to offer You  
Which You did not provide  
Every good, perfect gift comes from  
Your kind and gracious heart  
And all we do is give back to You  
What always has been Yours*

*Who has given to You  
That it should be paid back to him?  
Who has given to You  
As if You needed anything?  
From You, and to You, and through You  
Come all things, O Lord  
And all we do is give back to You  
What always has been Yours*

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### **How does God give?**

**Liberally** = Simply, openly, sincerely. In large or generous amounts. Open handed

**Without reproach** = Rebuke, disapproval, blame, disgrace, taunt (tease)

- *"Originally, to behave in a very juvenile and immature way, describing youngsters who make fun of, tease, and taunt each other. Then the word came to denote mocking, ridiculing, scolding, insulting and using words angrily or sarcastically"* Vine Bible Dictionary

**Summary: TPT** He won't see your lack of wisdom as an opportunity to scold you over your failures, but He will overwhelm your failures with His generous grace.

Commentary - "He will overwhelm your failures *with an open hand*"

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### **Heart Level Asking**

**Solomon - 1 Kings 3:5-13**

**Psalms 37:4** Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

### **What Jesus said about Asking**

**Matthew 6:8** For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

**Matthew 7:7-8** “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

**Matthew 7:11** If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

**Matthew 18:19** Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

**Matthew 21:22** And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive

**John 11:22** But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You

**John 14:13-14** And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

**John 14:12-14 TPT** “I tell you this timeless truth: The person who follows me in faith, believing in me, will do the same mighty miracles that I do—even greater miracles than these because I go to be with my Father! For I will do whatever you ask me to do when you ask me in my name. And that is how the Son will show what the Father is really like and bring glory to him. Ask me anything in my name, and I will do it for you!”

**John 15:7** If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you

**John 15:16** You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

**John 16:23-24** And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

### **Other verses for reflection:**

**Ephesians 3:20** Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us

**James 4:2-3** You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.

**1 John 3:22** And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

**1 John 5:14-15** Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

## **Asked and Answered**

*Never early  
Never late  
Never stingy  
Never sparse*

*Always giving  
Always good  
Always perfect knowing of my heart  
Always flowing from Your heart*

*Never taking  
Never withholding  
Never silent  
Never a closed door*

*Always generous  
Always specific  
Always open handed  
Always much more*

*Never for evil  
Never from flesh  
Never with shame  
Never holding back*

*Always the perfect Father  
Always guaranteed  
Always from heaven  
Always before I ask*

*Never an expectation to be repaid  
Always free  
Never need to be afraid  
Always respond to my plea*

*Always "I will do it!"  
Never alone  
Never anything to it  
Always with the power of Your throne*

*Never put off when I ask  
It stirs Your heart  
Always on alert  
It's the place You start*