



The Watchmaker, The Genie, and The Good Father

Part 1 of 1

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Big Idea: God is not a watchmaker who created the universe but now watches from afar. He isn't a genie that must grant our every wish. He's a good Father who gives gifts to His children who ask.

Text: Matthew 7:7-11 (ESV)

1. God is not a _____.

Do you agree with the following statement?

Prayer doesn't change God or circumstances, prayer changes me.

You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. – James 4:2 (ESV)

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. – James 5:16 (NLT)

Do you ever pray for the supernatural or do you just pray “damage control” prayers?

In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, “Thus says the Lord, ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die; you shall not recover.’” Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, saying, “Now, O Lord, please remember how I have walked before you in faithfulness and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly. And before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, the word of the Lord came to him: “Turn back, and say to Hezekiah the leader of my people, Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Behold, I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord, and I will add fifteen years to your life. I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city for my own sake and for my servant David's sake.” – 2 Kings 20:1-6 (ESV)

2. God is not a _____.

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. – 1 John 5:14 (ESV)

3. God is a _____.

“Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are 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 7:9-11 (ESV)

And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” – Matthew 4:3 (ESV)

MEMORY VERSE

*“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find;
knock, and it will be opened to you.”*

MATTHEW 7:7 (ESV)