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Msg #1333 A-Ask, S-seek, K-knock, ASK Him What The Bible Says Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice In the Sermon on the Mount, Christ's opening message to humanity, he gives an English acronym "A" for ask, "S" for seek, and "K" for knock. In a closing message, days before his crucifixion, he declares, "Whatsoever ye ask in my name, I shall do it." Prayer is a vital ingredient of a believers life, and Christ's sufficiency in prayer is in his perfecting of it, his promise for it, and his purpose in it. When God set aside infiniteness and took on the form of finite man, every thing that Jesus did, every miracle, every compassion, every teaching, was thoroughly baptized in prayer. Jesus often spent all night in prayer, and if the Only Begotten Son of God needed that, how much more do we? When a unit is surrounded and pinned down in enemy territory, now-a-days, they pick up the radio and call in a barrage of bombs and fire-power that saves their lives and frees them for more maneuvers. When you read Jesus Christ's promise, "Whatsoever you ask in my name," it would be better that that comes to your mind, rather than anything said by "name it and claim it", "blab it and grab it", TV evangelists. Jesus never prayed for a softer pillow or larger house. Thrice he prayed that a cup pass from him, but even there he prayed, "Not my will but thine." The disciples, James and John used his very words to petition him with the desire of their hearts, and he told them, "No, you cannot sit on my right hand." Recall that Paul too was told not to his request. To pray in Jesus' name is to make his purpose our purpose, his cause our cause, his compassion our compassion. True disciples still pray, "Lord, teach us to pray." An Essay for week #33 Sun, Aug 18, 13 Published at www.GSBaptistChurch.com/ppulpit/biblesays13.pdf In paperback at <http://www.lulu.com/spotlight/GSBaptistChurch>

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