

# The Dumb Sinner

by Thomas Brooks

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of prayer in receiving God's blessings and the dangers of not praying.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 7:7

**Topics:** "The Power of Prayer", "Seeking God's Blessings"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the vital role of prayer in the life of a Christian, illustrating that while prayer is not the cause of receiving God's blessings, it is the essential means through which believers access His grace and mercy. He highlights the threefold promise of asking, seeking, and knocking as a call to be persistent and fervent in prayer, reminding that God desires to be sought after for His blessings. Brooks warns that a lack of desire to pray reflects a lack of worthiness to receive from God, as no mercy is too small to seek. He encourages believers to approach God with humility and earnestness, recognizing that all blessings come through the channel of prayer.

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## Transcript

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

The threefold promise annexed to the threefold precept, should encourage all Christians to be instant, fervent, and constant in prayer.

Though prayer is not the ground, nor the cause of obtaining favors and mercies from God--yet it is the means, it is the silver channel, it is the golden pipe, through which the Lord is pleased to convey to His people all temporal, spiritual, and eternal favors. God promises to give them the cream, the choicest, the sweetest of all spiritual, eternal, and temporal blessings; but mark, Ezekiel 36:37, "I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them." Though God is very prompt and ready to bestow upon His people the best and the greatest of blessings--yet He will by prayer be sought unto, for the actual enjoyment of them. He who has no heart to pray for a mercy, he has no ground to believe that God will ever give him the mercy. There is no receiving without asking, no finding without seeking, no opening without knocking. The proud beggar gets nothing from men, and the dumb sinner gets nothing of God. As there is no mercy too great for God to give, so there is no mercy too little for us to crave. Certainly that man has little worth in him who thinks any mercy not worth a seeking.

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