

IF YOU NEED IT, ASK FOR IT!



Do you think God gets tired of hearing prayers?

Do you think it's all too much for him?

If you do, your vision of God is much too human.

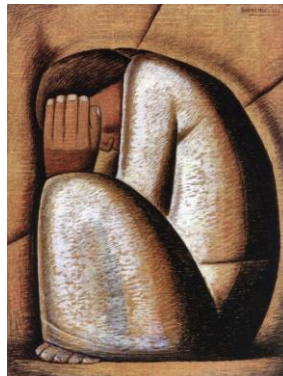
How else are you going to get to know God personally?

Forget your theories.

Even your religious convictions mean little

..until you engage personally with the living God.

It all begins when you find yourself up against something which is beyond your strength,



....a problem you can't solve,

....a need you can't meet.



Any honest man or woman reading these words can find in their own life even now a need which is beyond your power.

Your heart won't let you accept this problem with resignation.

This thing needs attention.

Something has to happen.

So bring it to the heavenly Father (even if you're not sure you believe).

The Father won't turn you away, no matter who you are or what you've done in the past.



Approach with a contrite heart, admitting your unworthiness and confessing your need.

Your prayer will be heard.....and answered.....as a sign of the Father's love for you.

If you, 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 7:11



Prayer: Lord, we admit that we have spent a lot of time trying to solve the problems that torment us on our own. That we go through the motions without really laying these before you, without really asking. Whether it's from our weak faith, our arrogance, or just pure laziness and apathy. This problem is beyond what we can solve, without your help. Forgive us for not reaching out to you when our need is greatest and for not seeking our greatest need, your loving presence even in the midst of despair. Without you beside us in this, we are lost. Answer our prayers. Solve this problem in the miraculous way that you only can. And help us to experience all the good gifts you have for us, Heavenly Father, especially your closeness to us in this. Amen.

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