## Will He Give You a Serpent?

The Holy Spirit is our God connection. Apart from the quickening power of the Holy Spirit we have no way to enter into, or to experience the true things of the kingdom.

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

The Old Covenant works by man's ability to perform from the outside-in. It exposes the weakness of the flesh.

**Romans 7:18** For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

The New Covenant is empowered by the Spirit of God and works from the inside-out. It brings the power of God to the forefront.

**Hebrews 10:16** This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

John 15 tells us that Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. The branch must abide in the vine in order to bear fruit. Everything that the branch needs is supplied by the vine because the vine is the source of life for the branch.

**John 15:5** I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Our relationship with God functions the same way. He is the source of everything we have need of.

**John 15:7** If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall **ask** what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

The word ask in this verse according to Strong's Concordance means strictly to demand what is due. In other words, when we have the mentality that God is the source of everything we have need of, we will see those needs supplied.

Often when we find ourselves in a position of lack, our natural instinct is to place our focus on what we have done wrong to cause the lack and what we need to do in order to correct it. This brings us back to the Old Covenant mentality that can't produce!

God says put your confidence in Him to supply. **Ask** and it will be given to you!

**Luke 11:9** And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

**Luke 11:10** For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh finds; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

**Luke 11:11** If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

**Luke 11:12** Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? **Luke 11:13** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

The word ask here means the same thing that it meant in John 15. When you take your position as a child of God, he will supply all that you need because that is what a Father does. The Holy Spirit is your God connector and power source. Holy Spirit, I need you to write a word on my heart that will take me past this moment of lack. He will not give you a stone if you ask for bread. He will not give you a serpent if you ask for a fish.

I believe that this is saying that if you put all of your confidence in God, He will change things from the inside out. You can count on it! Often what we lack is the ability to even believe that we can have that much confidence in

God. He supplies even the ability to believe because HE SUPPLIES EVERYTHING!

**2Peter 1:3** According as his divine power hath given unto us <u>all</u> things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: **4** Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Holy Spirit, write your words on my heart. Give me the ability to believe. Give me the ability to rest in what you have promised to supply because I don't even have the ability to do that! One revelation moment from you, one word from you is what I need and I believe you will give it to me.

If you ask for bread, will He give you a stone, if you ask for a fish, will He give you a serpent, if you ask for an egg will He give you a scorpion?

No! If you abide in Him and His words abide in you, you can put all of your confidence in Him. You can ask what you will and it shall be done unto you!

IT IS WHAT A FATHER DOES!