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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### God's goodness when we pray

Matthew 7:7-11

1. God answers the prayers of sincere believers (7:7-8).
  - Ask – God desires a relationship where we ask, so we recognize His blessings.
  - Seek – As we seek to know God's will through prayer, he gives wisdom and direction (James 1:5).
  - Knock – Praying about seemingly impossible “closed doors” shows us how God acts in our behalf.
  
2. God is a father who wants to give us good gifts (7:9-11)
  - Good dads love their children and give them good gifts (9-10).
    - Rocks – Dads don't cruelly neglect their child's true needs.
    - Snake – Dads don't give what defiles their children.
  - Our heavenly father is kind and good, knowing what is truly best for us (11; James 1:16-17).

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