

Where's Your Chair?

Mark 11 22-33



I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
Psalm 107:8-9

Praising:

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be
added unto you,
allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto
you; seek, and ye shall find;
knock and the door shall be
opened unto you,
allelu, alleluia!

Reading:

Mark 11:22-33

On prayer and authority

What God wills is possible both to
himself and to the person who
shares his will. Peter is so
surprised to see the withered fig
tree that he just has to mention it.
It's maybe not the best time.
Christ's bold words about prayer
are born out of the tension that's
already in the air and his

frustration that even those closest
to him still don't get it. When are
you people going to understand?
All power in heaven and earth
has been given to me! Real
prayer will never be about asking
for frivolous, trivial things, nor
about putting God to the test to
see if he really can pull a rabbit
from a hat. Yet Jesus does yearn
for his followers to grasp who he
is, who the Father is, and how
absolutely we may depend on
him to provide everything we truly
need.

Listening:

Praying:

in sorrow for our sins Lord forgive
us

- for the selfish, empty, lazy
requests we so often spill out
before you
- for failing to trust, failing to be
patient, failing to hope
- for sometimes seeking help
from every other possible
source before finally coming to
you

Father help me both to ask from
you more boldly and to defer at
every turn to your will, your
wisdom, your sovereignty and
above all your love for me as
your child and disciple. Amen

Doing:

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