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Draw near to God (James 4:8)

THE ROCK

THE LORD IS MY ROCK.

- PSALM 18:2

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to God*

- James 4:8

Reflection on (James 4:8):

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded."

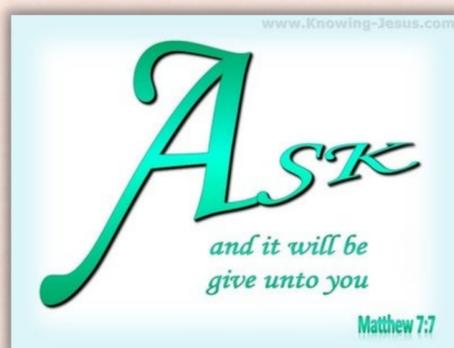
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Are you experiencing hardship of any sort in your life right now? Well, St. James tells us, **"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."** Christ says, **"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you"** (Matthew 7:7).

All you need to do is ask God to intervene in your life. "God, I know that I cannot handle such a matter on my own; it is too big for me, but not for You. For all things are possible with You. Please help me, Father."

Seek God and you will find Him, even in your troubles. St. James continues, saying, "Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded." He now tells the sinners to cleanse their hands, or basically, turn from their sins. And to the double-minded, or the people who are living partly for God and partly for the world, he says to purify your heart, or change your ways.

Don't think that by seeking God, you won't find Him. **"For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."** (Matthew 7:8)



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