

Treasure Hunt

- How may v. 6 be viewed as a restatement of v. 1?
- What Old Testament example may our Lord have in mind in his triple exhortation to ask, seek, and knock?
- What examples do we have from that period of handling the attacks of dogs and pigs in a godly manner?
- What evidence is there that the OT heroes who behaved in this way knew of the same passage that our Lord may have in mind here?

Two Parallel Statements

Negative command: Warning about speaking to others	1 Judge not	6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine,
Negative motive: Danger to yourself	That ye be not judged	lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.
Remedy	5 (Examine yourself)	(Don't receive instruction like a dog or pig)

A possible source for 7:7

Jeremiah 29	Matt 7:7
<p>5 Build ye houses, and dwell <i>in them</i>; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them; 6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished. 7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace. ... 10 For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.</p>	
<p>12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.</p>	<p>Ask, and it shall be given you;</p>
<p>13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. 14a And I will be found of you, saith the LORD:</p>	<p>seek, and ye shall find;</p>
<p>14b I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.</p>	<p>knock, and it shall be opened unto you</p>

Examples from the Captivity: The Fiery Furnace

Dan 3:1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, ... 4 Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, 5 *That* at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up: 6 And whoso falleth not down and worshipping shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

Dan 3:8 Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews. 9 They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever. ... 12 There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

Dan 3:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we *are* not careful to answer thee in this matter. 17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

Examples from the Captivity: The Lion's Den

Dan 6:4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he *was* faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. 5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find *it* against him concerning the law of his God.

Dan 6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

Dan 6:22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

Daniel and Jeremiah 29

Jer 29:10 For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. ... 12 Then shall ye call upon me, ... 13 And ye shall seek me, ... 14 ... and I will turn away your captivity ...

Dan 9:1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans; 2 In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to **Jeremiah the prophet**, that he would accomplish **seventy years** in the desolations of Jerusalem. 3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, **to seek by prayer and supplications**, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: