

# Praying with Expectancy

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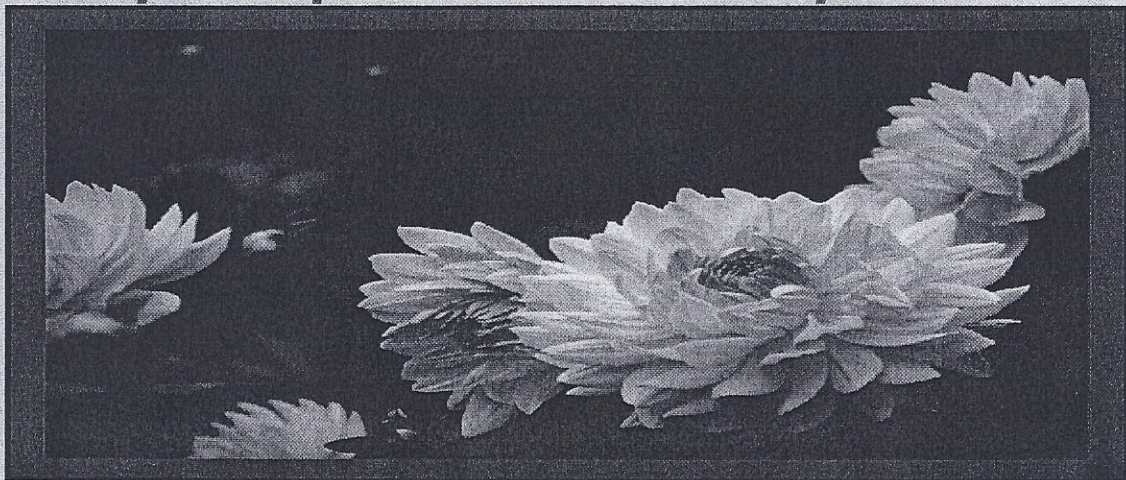
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**But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder to them that diligently seek Him.**

**Hebrews 11:6**

Are you asking God to touch your life and circumstances, but not really expecting to see Him move at all? Our faith is what moves God. If you pray and ask God to move, but you never really expect Him to do so, you are praying and asking in unbelief. In so many ways, what we believe is a choice of our will. You can choose to believe.

**What do you expect God to do for you?**



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Choose to speak according to your faith to receive what you believe. Your words have power. 1 Corinthians 3.16 states the "**You are the temple of the Living God.**" Your word is your authority. As



God framed this world with words, saying "**Let it be,**" and it was, so are you made in His image. When you speak forth the word of God, you empower God to move. When you speak the negatives and what can be seen in the natural, leaving God and the promises of His Word out, you stop the hand of God. There are some things God simply cannot do unless we pray and ask Him to do them. It is so important in this hour, maybe even more so than ever before, to be a vessel God can use to get things done in the earth. There is a reason God is calling this nation to prayer. We must all do our part.

In Psalm 103:20 it is written that the "**angels hearken to the voice of the Word.**" When we speak in agreement with the Word of God, the angels are listening to put in place what you are believing for according to the Word of God.

For instance, you can speak the Word of God over your circumstances. Find a promise in God's Word that meets your need. If fear is trying to take hold of you because of what appears to be coming on this earth, you can appropriate 2 Timothy 1:7 and proclaim with your mouth that, "**God has not given me a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**" In that way, you are not speaking the negative, but reinforcing your mind with the truth of the Word of God, thus building yourself up, and giving God a place to move in your behalf.

When we speak negatives, and get in agreement with what the enemy is trying to do, the angels have to back off because you are using your God given authority to speak damnation, rather than God's blessing and His promises to you in the situation. You cannot speak five minutes in prayer, line up on the Word of God correctly, and all the rest of the time get in agreement with the devil's works, speaking nothing but that into the situation. If you do that, you should not expect what you asked and prayed for to be put in place. Now if you are reading this and realize that you have spoken negative words into your situation, it's not too late. Praise God! We play until we win. In the name of Jesus break the power of every negative word spoken and replace it with the promises of the Word of God. We can even break the power of other people's negative words that have been spoken against us in Jesus' name. Words are very



important in God's Kingdom. It is only God's Word that will last forever.

It was such a blessing to me to learn that I have a covenant with the Almighty Living God. I have no part in that covenant other than to receive it. I can't mess it up because I am unworthy in any way. That covenant was put into place for me, but it is not dependant on anything I do or don't do, or have done, or not done. Our covenant with the Living God is between God and Jesus. Jesus did it all. He became everything that I was, so that I could partake of everything that belonged to Him and the Father God. He became sin for all mankind, paying the price for all transgressions.

God does not look at you and think you are too unworthy for Him to help and reward you. God sees you through the blood of Jesus, perfect. I'm so glad that my relationship with the Father is not based upon my conduct, but based upon what Jesus did on the cross in my behalf. So, any thinking that you are unworthy in any way to receive the blessings of God and to have your prayers answered by God because of who you are or what you have done, needs to be removed from your thinking. Jesus did it all. It is because of Jesus that we can access the very throne room of Almighty God. It is because of Jesus, that we can partake of the Heavenly Kingdom of God, and expect God to move for us. He is the One who is the go-between with us and the Father. Jesus paid the price for our redemption from sin, so that we could go boldly to the throne of grace and find grace to help in the time of need. Hebrews 4:15-16.

## **You can't mess up the Covenant.**

Now, if we sin, we do have to repent and get it under the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus. That blood is still cleansing sin today. We can't walk in willful sin and think that God will honor our requests. When we do repent, we have every reason to be able to go to God and know that He will indeed reward us when we diligently seek Him, because the Bible says in Psalm 103:12 that **"As far as the east is from the west, so far has He, (God) removed our transgressions (sins) from us."** Praise God! Once we repent, God accepts that and does not remember our sin any more.



How can we know what the will of God is so we can pray according to His will? The Bible is the will of God. The Old Testament and the New Testament are statements of the will of God the Father. He divinely saw to it that His will and His promises to us were preserved in the Holy Bible. We don't have to wonder, but can know without a shadow of doubt what His will really is. I John 5 above says that we can have such confidence in the Father, that if we ask anything according to His will, what He declares in the Bible, that He will hear us. And then, it states, that if we know He has heard us when we ask, we can be assured that we have the petitions we desired of Him. In other words, we can be assured that He will reward us when we diligently seek Him. Glory be to God!

There are many promises in the Bible. All of them are God's will for us. We can believe God for healing, because the Bible states in I Peter 2:24 that **"by the stripes of Jesus ye were healed."** If we do not have chapter and verse for something, we can pray, "Father, if it be your will....." We do have to ask. The promises and the help of God do not just fall off the pages of the Bible and become a reality in our lives. God does, at times, move sovereignly and do the miraculous, without our praying for something, but He has called us in His Word to ask.

Know that as you ask God in prayer, He will hear you and respond to you. Do you believe this verse is true for you? If not, you can make a simple attitude adjustment and choose to believe God will do what His Word says that He will do.

**Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens. Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.**

**Hebrews**

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**And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us: And if we know that He hears us**



**whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.**  
**1 John 5:14-15**

**Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.**  
**Matthew 7:7-8**

## **CHOOSE TO HAVE FAITH AND NOT DOUBT!**

**And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.**  
**Matthew 21:22**

**And Jesus answering saith unto them. Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you. What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in Heaven may forgive your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in Heaven forgive your trespasses.** **Mark 11:22-25**

## **CHOOSE TO SPEAK ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH TO RECEIVE WHAT YOU BELIEVE.**

**While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.** **2 Corinthians 4:18**

This Scripture says that the things that are seen are temporal, which means subject to change. It is only the things of God that cannot be seen that are eternal and lasting forever. Temporal things are those things that you can see and know with the human senses of sight, sound, touch, taste and smell. It is only God's Word and those things in the supernatural realm of God that will remain forever.

If you want to see God's hand move in your behalf and answers to prayer come to be in your life and circumstances, it is important to watch the words of your mouth and start saying what God says about



you and your situation. The more you say what God's Word says about it, the more your spirit is built up in faith to believe you receive when you stand praying. In Romans 10:17 it is written that **"faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."** Faith builds as you speak the Word over the situations where you are believing God for an answer.

God's promises do not just fall off the pages of the Bible and become a reality in our lives. We must believe His Word is truth for us, and believe Him to move in our circumstances. It is so exciting to spend quality time in the Bible and find out all the wonderful things God, through His Son, Jesus, has put in place for us. Any time the Scriptures say **"in Him"**, or **"in Jesus"** **"by Jesus,"** or **"by Him,"** or **"through Him,"** look to see what belongs to you through Jesus, your precious Lord and Savior. Pray with purpose, and expect God to reward you greatly for the faith you have placed in Him and His Word.