

Main Point:

Throughout the Bible, we gain insight and understanding that **prayer precedes** an event or a change where God did something miraculous or turned a situation around for someone.

1. The Words of Jesus set the **importance** of **expectation** to prayer in your life.
 - a. Matthew 6:5-9 (Jesus expects us to pray)
 - b. V.5 And when you pray...
 - c. V.6 But when you pray...
 - d. V.7 And when you pray...
 - e. V.9 Now, this is how you pray...
2. The Word **describes** praying with **wrong** or **no** expectation.
 - a. James 4:1-2 *Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in you members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.*
3. The Word **points** us to the **Source** of your expectation.
 - a. **Psalm 5:3** *In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.*
 - b. **Mark 11:22-24** *So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.*
4. The Word **teaches** us to **SEE** what you expect.
 - a. **Mark 11:22** *Jesus said to them, "Have faith in God..."*
 - b. **Proverbs 29:18** *Where there is no vision, there the people perish.*
 - c. 2 Corinthians 4:18 *So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, **but on what is unseen**. For what is seen is temporary but what is unseen is eternal.*
 - d. Hebrews 11:1 *Faith is the **substance** of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*
 - e. **Hebrews 11:27** *By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.*
5. The Word **instructs** us to **say** what you expect.
 - a. Mark 11:23 *...If anyone says to this mountain Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things **he says** will be done...*
 - b. **Proverbs 18:21** *"The tongue has the power of life and death."*

- c. **2 Corinthians 4:13** *And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,*
 - d. **Matthew 6:6** *But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*
 - e. **Romans 10:9** *says, that if you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*
6. The Word **guides** us to **settle** what you expect.
- a. **Mark 11:22-24** *So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. **23** For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and **(1) does not doubt** in his heart, **(2) but believes** that those things he says will be done, **(3) he will have** whatever he says. **24** Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.*
 - b. **Colossians 1:23** *if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.*
 - c. **Matthew 4:17** *From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."*
 - d. **James 1:21** *So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.*
 - e. **Romans 12:3** *For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.*

Conclusion: We must know that **Faith** and the **Word** together leads us to **trust** in God which leads to right expectations in our prayers.