

## EXPECTING THE BLESSING OF GOD

“My Expectation is from the Lord” – *Ps 62:5*

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1. An important part of faith is an **expectation of receiving** from God.
2. **Psalm 62. David’s expectation of God’s blessing**
  - v1-2 David sets his mind and thoughts quietly upon God, waiting for God to move. **David is expecting God’s salvation, strength and defence** and knows he will not be greatly moved.
  - v3-4 David looks at his enemies and declares their defeat and fall. Those enemies of lies and flattery together with hate, gossip, condemnation, accusation, criticism, judgment, ridicule will all be destroyed.
  - v5-7 David declares that **his expectation is from God from whom he is going to receive strength, salvation, defence, glory and refuge** so that he shall not be moved.
  - v8-10 David encourages us to **totally trust** in God’s goodness and power to realise that man is but a vapour compared to God.
3. When God promised a son to aged Abraham and Sarah, Abraham did not stagger at the promise of God through unbelief but was **strong in faith** giving glory to God, **believing that what God had promised He was able to perform**, *Rom 4:20,21*.
4. **Faith** believes that **God will reward you as you diligently seek Him**, *Heb 11:6*.
5. If we ask God for wisdom, **we must believe that God will give it to us**, *Jam 1:5,6*, then we will receive it.
6. Jesus said, “**Whatever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive it and you will have it.**” *Mk 11:24*.
7. One man would have fainted, **unless he had believed** he would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living, *Ps 27:13*.
8. **God is for us** and God is on our side, *Ps 118:6,7*.
9. **We are to expect:**
  - our prayers** to be answered. *Mk 11:24, Jn 16:23,24, Jn 14:13,14, Lk 11:9.*
  - God’s promises** to be fulfilled. *2Cor 1:20, Num 23:19, Jer 1:12.*
  - the reward** of the Lord, *Heb 11:6.*
  - God’s goodness** day by day, *Ps 27:13.*
  - power to heal** the sick and cast out demons, *Mk 16:17,18.*
  - forgiveness** and deliverance from sin, *1Jn 1:9.*
  - fulness and anointing** of the Holy Spirit, *Lk 11:13.*
  - boldness and power** in witnessing, *Ac 1:8.*
  - the ability and enabling** of God, *2Cor 3:5,6.*
10. **Expect the provision and blessing of God.** Of ourselves we are not worthy, nor can we earn God’s blessings, but when we **choose** and **confess** Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour,

and **believe** in our heart what God says in His Word, then we are standing in direct line to receive all His blessing, grace, power and holiness, *2Cor 9:8*.

11. The Word exhorts us to **expectation from God**. *Mat 7:7,8,11, Mk 9:23, Jn 14:12, Rom 5:17, Phil 4:13, 1Jn 5:14,15, Phil 4:19, Eph 3:20, Gen 22:14, Ps 84:11, 3Jn 2.*
12. **Rise up and overcome the enemies of the expectation of God's goodness and blessing by faith in His Word.** Cut off and refuse evil expectation, doubt, fear, unbelief, anxiety, reasonings of the mind, and the spiritual influences that oppress, discourage, hinder, intimidate and harass. Avoid negative self-talk. Speak positive expectation. Use the weapons of our warfare, *2Cor 10:3,4*: **the Name of Jesus, the Blood of Jesus, the Word of God, the anointing of the Holy Spirit**, to overcome the opposition and move into **positive expectation of God's provision**.
13. *2Chr 25:9*. **"The Lord is able to give you much more than this."**
14. Rise up and **encourage yourself in God today**, *1Sam 30:6*.
15. Jack Hayford says, **"I expect the inevitable, supernatural intervention of God, I expect a miracle."** One day while praying earnestly for a pressing need, I saw the car sticker, **"Be realistic, expect a miracle."**
16. **David had a high level of expectation in God** when he faced Goliath, *1Sam 17:45-47*.
17. **He knew something. He knew that the battle was the Lord's**, *1Sam17:47*. He knew that the Lord does not save with sword and spear. He knew it was not by might nor by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord, *Zech 4:6, Ex 14:13,14*.
18. **There was a "mountain," a "lion," a "bear" in front of David**, by name Goliath, but David knew the battle was the Lord's battle and that the Lord would fight for him.
19. **When the Lord called us to give up earning a living and go "full-time,"** the "giant was "poverty," "hunger," "lack of provision".
20. We had no guaranteed provision at that time from man.
21. **A high level of expectation of God's provision was essential**, *Phil 4:19*. We had to know that the battle was the Lord's, *1Sam17:47*.
22. **Two things are necessary to destroy the "giant"**.
  - a. Know and believe the promises of God, *2Pet 1:4*.
  - b. Step out boldly in the leading of God's Spirit to obey what He has said. As you do this, the "giant" of fear is destroyed and God's provision is released.
23. **So cast your burden on the Lord and He will sustain you**, He will never suffer the righteous to be moved, *Ps 55:22, 1Pet 5:7, Prov 16:3, Ps 37:5*.