

Trusting in God's Promises

A Lord's Flock Worship Service Topic

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As believers of Jesus Christ, we are called to walk in faith with Him. He promises to meet all our needs (Isa. 55:11, 2 Cor.1:20). As we await His answer to our prayers, we must pursue a deeper relationship with the Lord and discover what He is trying to develop in us.



1. There are essential truths that will guide us:

1.1. God WANTS to meet our needs. He petitions us to ask for our needs. "And the peace of God ... will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:6-7). God did not spare Jesus from death to save us. "If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us (1Jn. 5:14-15).

1.2 The Lord KNOWS our needs (Phil. 4:6). God's knowledge reaches beyond ours. The purpose of prayer is not to inform Him of our needs. The reason is to acknowledge our dependence on Him. Leave the method and timing to Him. God focuses on our spiritual and internal needs. Hence, we need to wait. "In His time, He makes all things beautiful..."

1.3 God IS ABLE to meet our needs. He plans the solutions, arranges the events, and brings about the answers in the right time (Matt. 7:7). No matter how big the problem may be, God is bigger.

2. What should we do if our prayer is unmet?

2.1. Differentiate between NEEDS and DESIRES:

- NEEDS are essentials to achieve God's purpose in our life - food, clothing, shelter (Phil. 4:19).
- WANTS are desires merely for our pleasure.

2.2. Realize that there is a condition. "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness

... and all these things will be given to you" (Matt. 6:31-33).

2.3. Let us delight our Father. "Delight yourself in the Lord...and He shall give you the desires of your heart" (Ps. 37:4). Let us not be arrogant that we put our hope in wealth; let us put our hope in God (1Tim.6:17).

2.4. Determine the origin of our need. Some of our desires may be created by our unwise choices. God may delay the answer to teach us a lesson and to protect us. His work in renewing our minds may require years.

2.5. Learn our responsibilities:

- ASK the Lord for help. Maybe we have not asked or have asked with wrong motives (Jas.4: 2-3).
- WAIT for God to meet our needs in His time. Let us not try to fix it ourselves and end up in a bigger mess.
- DO exactly what the Lord tells us. "I will fight for you. And you, you have only to be silent; the battle is mine" (Exo. 14:14). There is nothing God will not grant, if it is coming from our heart, and will not hurt anyone.

3. We must understand God's priorities:

3.1. He sees the big picture from His omniscient vantage point. He is working to mature us to be Christ-like sons and daughters. He is training us for His purpose.

3.2. Relationship. The Lord invites us to draw near to Him in time of need. God is pleased when we pray for the intercession of His mother and the saints.

3.3. Christlikeness. God uses adversity to shape our character in His image.

3.4. Delayed answers require faith. Grow in faith, prayer, and community life. Never be absent in prayer meetings; continue to serve; be early to arrive and last to leave.

Conclusion: Our God will supply all our needs (not our wants) according to His will (Phil 4:19).

Reflection: What would you do when your needs are still unmet?

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