

Luke 18:7 (NKJV) And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?

Luke 18:8 (NKJV) I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

Daniel 10:12 (NKJV) Then he said to me, "Do not fear, **Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself** before your God, **your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.**

Daniel 10:13 (NKJV) But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

Hebrews 10:35 (NKJV) Therefore **do not cast away your confidence**, which has great reward.

Hebrews 10:36 (NKJV) For **you have need of endurance**, so that after you have done the will of God, you may **receive** the promise:

Romans 4:18 (NKJV) who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be."

Romans 4:19 (NKJV) And not being weak in faith, **he did not consider his own body**, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

Romans 4:20 (NKJV) He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was **strengthened in faith**, giving glory to God,

Romans 4:21 (NKJV) and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

1 Kings 18:41 (NKJV) Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain."

1 Kings 18:42 (NKJV) So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees,

1 Kings 18:43 (NKJV) and said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." And **seven times he said, "Go again."**

1 Kings 18:44 (NKJV) Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, "**There is a cloud, as small as a man's hand**, rising out of the sea!" So he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.'"

1 Kings 18:45 (NKJV) Now it happened in the meantime that **the sky became black** with clouds and wind, and **there was a heavy rain**. So Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel.

**Delay is not permission to abandon what God has said;
it is an opportunity to remain established in faith.**

After making your request, continue thanking God for hearing you.

**What promise or prayer have I been tempted to abandon
because the answer has not yet appeared?**



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Central Truth

Prayer is not a religious speech delivered to God. It is fellowship with God in which we speak, listen, receive help from the Holy Spirit, and stand upon His Word.

1. Prayer Includes Listening for God's Voice

Habakkuk 2:1 (NKJV) I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected.

Commentary

Habakkuk did not say only, "I will speak to God." He said, "**I will watch to see what He will say to me.**"

**We must always judge what we believe we hear by Scripture
The Spirit of God will never contradict the Word He inspired**

Simple Steps:

- **Listening prayer is not complicated.**
- **Read the Word slowly.**
- **Ask the Holy Spirit for understanding.**
- **Get quiet before God.**
- **Pay attention to the Scripture, instruction, correction, or encouragement Holy Spirit emphasizes.**

Examples of answered prayer:

Samuel received revelation.

1 Samuel 3:9–10 — "Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears."

Elijah received renewed direction.

1 Kings 19:12–15 — After the still small voice, God told Elijah what to do next.

Daniel received understanding.

Daniel 9:20–23 — While Daniel was praying, Gabriel came with insight and understanding.

Philip received a specific instruction.

Acts 8:26–29 — An angel directed Philip toward Gaza, and the Spirit told him to approach the Ethiopian's chariot.

Ananias received direction concerning Saul.

Acts 9:10–17 — The Lord spoke to Ananias in a vision, gave him an address, a person's name, and specific instructions.

Cornelius and Peter received corresponding instructions.

Acts 10:1–20 — Cornelius received instructions while praying, and Peter received a vision and the Spirit's direction while he prayed.

The Antioch church received a ministry assignment.

Acts 13:1–3 — While they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit directed them to send Barnabas and Saul.

Paul received direction concerning where to preach.

Acts 16:6–10 — After being restrained from certain regions, Paul received the Macedonian vision and understood where God was sending them.

**Prayer is not only where we give God our requests;
it is where we give God our attention**

**Am I entering prayer only prepared to speak,
or am I also prepared to listen, receive, and obey?**

2. The Holy Spirit Helps Us Pray

Romans 8:26 (NKJV) Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us.

God has not left us to pray in our own strength. The Holy Spirit is our Helper

John 14:16 (NKJV) And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—

John 14:17 (NKJV) the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

John 14:18 (NKJV) I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

John 14:26 (NKJV) But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 16:13 (NKJV) However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

1 Corinthians 14:14 (NKJV) For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

1 Corinthians 14:15 (NKJV) What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV) So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the Lord of hosts.

**Our weakness does not disqualify us from prayer;
it becomes the place where the Holy Spirit supplies His help**

**Am I trying to pray entirely from my own understanding,
or am I depending upon the Holy Spirit's help?**

3. God's Word Gives Substance to Our Prayers

Habakkuk 2:2 (NKJV) Then the LORD answered me and said: 'Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.

John 15:7 (NKJV) If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

John 16:23 (NKJV) "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

John 16:24 (NKJV) Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

1 John 5:14 (NKJV) Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

1 John 5:15 (NKJV) And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Joshua 1:8 (NKJV) This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Isaiah 55:10 (NKJV) "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater,

Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV) So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Statement

**Faith-filled prayer does not ask circumstances for permission to believe;
it stands upon what God has spoken.**

Practical Application

**Choose one area of need. Find two or three Scriptures that address it.
Write the Scriptures down and use them as the foundation of your prayer.
Thank God that His Word is true and ask according to what He has promised.**

Application Question

**Is my prayer being shaped more by what I see around me
or by what God has said to me in His Word?**

4. Faith Continues When the Answer Appears Delayed

Habakkuk 2:3 (NKJV) For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Prayerful waiting is not spiritual inactivity. It is continued trust.

While you trust God, refuse to rehearse fear

Luke 18:1 (NKJV) Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

Luke 18:2 (NKJV) saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.

Luke 18:3 (NKJV) Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.'

Luke 18:4 (NKJV) And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man,

Luke 18:5 (NKJV) yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.' "

Luke 18:6 (NKJV) Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said.