

# Faith and Persistent Prayer

Faith and prayer go hand-in-hand. You can't have strong faith without prayer, and vice-versa.

Hebrews talks a lot about our faith in Jesus, and Hebrews 11:6 makes it clear that if we want to approach God in prayer, we need to have faith. We need to believe that God is God, and that He rewards those who diligently seek Him.

If all of our prayers were answered in an instant, we wouldn't need to have much faith. But, when you're praying for something, and your circumstances haven't changed, you need to believe that God hears you, cares about you, and will answer your prayers.

In this faith lesson, you'll read Bible verses about God's promises, His faithfulness, and the waiting period, in-between hearing a promise from God, and seeing that promise come to fruition in your life.

"God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

Numbers 23:19 NKJV

"You have kept what You promised Your servant David my father; You have both spoken with Your mouth and fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day."

1 Kings 8:24 NKJV

What do these Bible verses say about God fulfilling His promises?

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“Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.”

Psalms 119:89 NIV

“The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.”

Isaiah 40:8 NIV

Then the Lord said to me, “You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word.”

Jeremiah 1:12 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, 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.”

Isaiah 55:10-11 NKJV

What do these verses say about the spoken Word of God?

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“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she[a] bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.”

Hebrews 11:8-12 NKJV

“Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.”

Romans 4:18-22

Why could Abraham trust that God would fulfill His promise?

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“Then you will not become spiritually dull and indifferent. Instead, you will follow the example of those who are going to inherit God’s promises because of their faith and endurance.”

Hebrews 6:12 NLT

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.”

Hebrews 10:23 NKJV

“So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. 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.”

Mark 11:22-23 NKJV

What do you do in the time between hearing God's promise and seeing that promise fulfilled?

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Can you remember a time when God gave you a promise? Did that promise encourage you to pray and seek God?

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What promises has God given you about a situation you're praying and believing for?

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