

LET US CONTINUE TO KNOW GOD, AND HE WILL POUR OUT BLESSINGS LIKE THE LATE SEASON RAINS

Brothers and sisters, a while ago, someone asked me, “What benefit do you gain from serving God?” I told him there are countless blessings. He responded, “I have been saved for a long time and truly decided to follow God. But my wife left me because of my circumstances. I prayed earnestly, fasted, attended seminars, and joined numerous night prayers. I begged God to remember me in my financial struggles. Yet, the more I tried, the worse things seemed to become.”

As he spoke, it was clear he had grown discouraged, almost ready to give up on his faith. At the end, he said, “Don’t you see that there is something wrong with the God we serve?”

Those words surprised me. I told him, “For me, I have never seen any problem in serving God. I cannot speak for your relationship with Him, but David said in the Bible that from his youth until old age, he had never seen the righteous forsaken by God” (Psalm 37:25, ESV).

Theological insight: This shows that God's faithfulness is not always measured by our immediate circumstances. God's covenant promises remain true, even if His timing does not match ours. Faith requires trusting in His character rather than the visible outcomes of life (Hebrews 11:1).

Dear friends, we must understand something: Even though David spoke those words, it does not mean that everything in his life always went according to his wishes. There were times he felt God had abandoned him—moments when it seemed God was silent or unaware of the difficulties he faced from enemies and personal struggles. Yet David encouraged himself, saying, *"The Lord is with me; His rod and His staff comfort me"* (Psalm 23:4, ESV). He continued to praise and thank God, knowing that even in suffering, God would never truly forsake him.

Psalm 13:1-6 (ESV)

1 “How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

2 How long must I bear pain in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

3 Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

4 lest my enemy say, ‘I have prevailed over him,’ and my foes rejoice when I am shaken.

5 But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

6 I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.”

Psalm 42:9 (ESV)

“Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.”

Theological insight: Here, David models persistent prayer and honest lament. Lamentation is a biblical response to suffering and unanswered prayer (see Lamentations 3:22-23). It is not a sign of weak faith but of intimate trust in God’s ultimate goodness.

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Notice that there were times David prayed but did not immediately see answers. He longed for deliverance but felt none. He remembered defeating Goliath and causing the Philistines to fear him, yet at other times, he saw no help and even sought refuge among the very enemies he once defeated. Many do not realize that David sometimes fled from his own people to seek help from Israel's enemies (1 Samuel 27:1-7).

Naturally, one might think God had abandoned David, that there was a problem with the God he served. But despite all these trials, David held on to God's promises. He continually thanked Him and sang praises. When the right time came, he was made king over all Israel. Today, we read of David as a man after God's own heart (1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22)—but it was not an easy journey. Not everything he asked for came immediately.

Later, David proclaimed:

Psalm 66:19-20 (ESV)

"Surely God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!"

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Even today, Jesus tells us: *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you”* (Matthew 7:7, ESV). This does not mean that answers come instantly every time. Sometimes yes, sometimes no. Faith, patience, and perseverance are required.

As the Lord also teaches us in another passage:

Luke 18:1-8 (ESV)

1 And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

2 “There was in a certain city a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man.

3 And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him, saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’

4 For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man,

5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not wear me out by her continual coming.’

6 And the Lord said, ‘Hear what the unrighteous judge says.

7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?

8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’”

Theological insight: This parable emphasizes persistent prayer and trusting in God's timing. God is never negligent; He acts according to His perfect wisdom and justice. Persistent faith demonstrates reliance on God, not mere ritual or habit.

These passages clearly show us that our prayers must be persistent and unwavering, just like those of Jesus and David. The answers may not come immediately, but God is patient, delights in our prayers, and will act in His perfect timing.

So, if you have followed Christ with all your heart, do not despair if you see no immediate results. Your season of abundant blessings, like the rains of the late season, will come—as long as you remain faithful in your holiness and devotion.

Hosea 6:3 (ESV)

"Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth."

Theological insight: God's "late season rains" symbolize His abundant

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provision and favor at the right time. Even if the blessing seems delayed, His timing is perfect. This teaches patience, endurance, and steadfast trust in God's promises (Ecclesiastes 3:1; James 5:7-8).

May the Lord bless you richly as you continue to seek Him with all your heart, trusting that He will pour out His goodness in your life.

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