

**Agape House of Worship
Midweek Service & Bible Study**

General Topic: Godly Expectation
Title - “Dimensions of Expectation”

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Psalm 39:7 AMP - ⁷“And now, Lord, for what do I expectantly wait? My hope [my confident expectation] is in You.

Psalm 5:3 NIV - ³ In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly. (*Hebrew word Tsapah – to wait for, to look for, to view from a distance, as from a watchtower. To watch narrowly and carefully, as one stationed on a tower.*)

Expectation Definitions

- the act or state of expecting : anticipation in expectation of what would happen
- a strong belief that something will happen or be the case in the future
- the act or state of looking forward to some occurrence
- the feeling that good things are going to happen in the future
- Often expectations. a prospect of future good or profit
- an expectant mental attitude

synonyms – *anticipation, contemplation, prospect, hope, trust*

Questions for us to consider tonight

Why is it important for us to talk about expectation?

Is it important for us as Christians to manage our expectations or to have properly placed expectations?

What is the result of unmet expectations in our lives?

What happens to us when our expectations are not properly aligned with God?

Unmet (Initial) Expectations – How do we feel when we have unmet expectations?

Matthew 20:9-11 NIV ⁹“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner.

John 11:17-20 NIV ¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

John 11:32 NLT ³² When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

Acts 3:4-7 NIV ⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” ⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. ⁶ Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” ⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong.

Godly Expectations – What are Godly Expectations?

Matthew 8:5-10 NIV ⁵ When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. ⁶ “Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “Shall I come and heal

him?”⁸ The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed.”⁹ For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.

Matthew 8:1-3 NLT Large crowds followed Jesus as he came down the mountainside.² Suddenly, a man with leprosy approached him and knelt before him. “Lord,” the man said, “if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean.”³ Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” And instantly the leprosy disappeared.

Expectations should be based on the word of Christ, He will do what He says He will do.

Romans 4:20-21 AMP, Classic Edition²⁰ No unbelief *or* distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong *and* was empowered by faith as he gave praise *and* glory to God,²¹ Fully satisfied *and* assured that God was able *and* mighty to keep His word *and* to do what He had promised.

Why is Jesus willing to heal us? Why is healing an expectation we should have?

Jesus exceeds our expectations – Why does Jesus do this for us? Has this happened to you?

Isaiah 64:3-4 AMP³ When You did awesome *and* amazing things which we did not expect, You came down [at Sinai]; the mountains quaked at Your presence.⁴ For from days of old no one has heard, nor has ear perceived, Nor has the eye seen a God besides You, Who works *and* acts in behalf of the one who [gladly] waits for Him.

Ephesians 3:20 AMP²⁰ Now to Him who is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly more than all that we dare ask or think [infinitely beyond our greatest prayers, hopes, or dreams], according to His power that is at work within us,

When we wait on Jesus, He does more than we expect

- *He does awesome and amazing things*
- *He works and acts on your behalf if you gladly (earnestly/trustingly) wait on Him*
- *Jesus is able to do superabundantly more, infinitely more*

The results of putting your expectation in Jesus

Proverbs 10:27-28 Common English Bible²⁷ The fear of the LORD increases one’s life, but the years of the wicked will be cut short.²⁸ The expectations of the righteous result in joy, but the hopes of the wicked will perish.

Proverbs 23:17-19 AMP¹⁷ Do not let your heart envy sinners [who live godless lives and have no hope of salvation], But [continue to] live in the [reverent, worshipful] fear of the LORD day by day.¹⁸ Surely there is a future [and a reward], And your hope *and* expectation will not be cut off.¹⁹ Listen, my son, and be wise, And direct your heart in the way [of the LORD

- *Longer life, prolonged life, increases life, adds days to life, adds hours to each day*
- *Eternal joy, gladness, happiness, celebration*
- *Confidence in knowing your hope and expectation is not cut off, will not be dashed, will not be taken away, will not be disappointed, they will come true, your hope will never fade*