

DAY 15

My hope comes from Him. (Psalm 62:5)

~~ Do we look for the answer to our prayers? ~~

So often we simply neglect to look for the answers to what we have asked, which shows the lack of earnestness in our petitions. A farmer is never content until he reaps a harvest; a marksman observes whether or not his bullet has hit the target; a physician examines the effect of the medicine he prescribes. Should a Christian be any less careful regarding the effect of his labor in prayer?

Every prayer of the Christian, whether for temporal or spiritual blessings, will be fully answered if it meets certain biblical requirements. It must be prayed in faith and in accordance with God's will. It must rely on God's promise, be offered up in the name of Jesus Christ, and be prayed under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

God always answers the general intent of His people's prayers. He does so not only to reveal His own glory but also to provide for the Christians' spiritual and eternal welfare. Since we see in Scripture that Jesus Christ never rejected even a single petitioner who came to Him, we can believe that no prayer made in His name will be in vain.

Delayed answers to prayer are not only trials of faith; they also give us opportunities to honor God through our steadfast confidence in Him even when facing the apparent denial of our request. Amen. – *Charles H. Spurgeon*. (LC – June 16)

~~~ *Pray* ~~~

Abba Father,

Please help me not to give up on what I prayed. When the answer is late, I know it is the time to get close to you and learn patience to trust you more in Christ. I am so grateful that I have a Father who cares and looks after me in this lonely world. Abba Father, thank you so much for adopting me as your child in Christ. Amen! (DC)

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