

Preparation for receiving answered prayer

40 Days of Prayer week 4

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Myth of the week: “The main value of prayer is the effect it has on us.”

Truth: **The main value of prayer is we want God to answer.**

Four helpful attitudes to assist our prayers:

1. Be expectant of God to answer

2. Be willing to let God answer in His own time

*“Zechariah said to the angel, “How can I be sure this will happen? I’m an old man now, and my wife is also well along in years.”
Luke 1:18*

“But the angel said, “Don’t be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will give you a son, and you are to name him John.” Luke 1:13

“For my words will certainly be fulfilled at the proper time.” Luke 1:20b

3. Be willing to let God answer in His own way

4. Be willing to let God answer in His own power, for his own purpose

“But when Jesus heard about it he said, “Lazarus’s sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this.”⁵ So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus,⁶ he stayed where he was for the next two days.⁷ Finally, he said to his disciples, “Let’s go back to Judea.” John 11:4-7