

Mountain Moving Prayer

Attitudes You Must Have For Answered Prayer

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Matthew 17:20- He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Four Attitudes:

1. You must be willing to let God answer in his own TIME.

Luke 1:8-18 – Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, ⁹he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshippers were praying outside. ¹¹Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been **heard**. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. ¹⁴He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth. ¹⁶Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." ¹⁸Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? **I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.**"

Habakkuk 1:2-3 – **How long**, O Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen?...
³**Why do** you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong?

- Oftentimes when God is delaying His answer, it is because He wants us to grow spiritually.

Keep Praying Until:

- You **get** the answer.
- You have **assurance** that you are going to get it.
- God reveals to you that it is **not** His will.

2. We must be willing to let God answer in His own WAY.

Isaiah 55:8-9 – “**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,**” declares the LORD. ⁹“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Luke 1:17 – And **he will go on before the Lord**, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

- Oftentimes plan “B” is really God’s plan “A” for us.

3. You must be willing to let God answer in his own POWER and in his own ABILITY.

- Oftentimes, God waits until the situation is humanly impossible before He answers.

Genesis 18:10-15– Then the Lord said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.” Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?” ¹³Then the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, “Will I really have a child, now that I am old?” ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son.” ¹⁵Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh.” But he said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

John 11:3, 17, 21, 39-40– So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.” . . . ¹⁷On his arrival, Jesus found that **Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.** . . . ²¹“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. . . .” ³⁹“But Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” ⁴⁰Then Jesus said, **“Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”**

4. Be willing to let God answer for His own POWER.

Romans 1:7, 10, 15– To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: **constantly I remember you** ¹⁰**in my prayers** at all times; and I pray that now at last by God’s will the way may be opened for me to come to you . . . ¹⁵That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome.

Romans 15:20– It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else’s foundation.

Acts 28:16– When we got to Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with a soldier to guard him.

Summary: When you pray and the request is not right, God says “No.” When you pray and you’re not right, God says “Grow.” When you pray and the timing is not right, God says “Slow.” When everything’s in place, God says “Go.” He gives the green light and you’re able to move.