

# My Expectation Is From the Lord - Part 1

by Joshua Daniel

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*The sermon encourages believers to place their expectations solely in the Lord and to cultivate a deeper, more committed relationship with Him.*

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**Scripture:** Psalm 27:14, Psalm 62:5, Proverbs 3:5-6, Matthew 21:22, Mark 11:24, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Ephesians 3:20, Hebrews 11:6, James 1:6

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## Description

This sermon by Joshua Daniel emphasizes the importance of having high expectations and faith in God, contrasting it with the low expectations and lack of faith prevalent in society. He challenges listeners to prioritize their relationship with God above all else, highlighting the need for genuine faith and dedication in seeking God's will. The message calls for a transformation in mindset, urging individuals to anchor their faith unshakably in Jesus and seek the real, transformative power of God in their lives.

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## Transcript

Welcome to the Lord's Challenge with Joshua Daniel. The Layman's Evangelical Fellowship International is a ministry reaching people from all walks of life since 1935. After a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ at the age of 16, Joshua Daniel has been declaring the marvelous deliverance from sin, which is freely given to all those who turn to the loving Savior.

Wherever this message has gone out, broken relationships have been restored, sickness healed, ill-gotten money returned, and thieves turned into givers. We now invite you to watch and receive the invaluable blessing that God has for you. Now, dear friends, you know, being a very exclusive group of people tonight, don't misunderstand me.

A little one shall be a thousand, and a small one a strong nation. So says the promise of God. Now, I was thinking of what would be the expectation of each one as they come to this retreat.

What is our expectation? You know, if you go to a grocery and ask any man, what is your expectation in coming here? You'd say, what an absurd question you ask me, huh? Makes no sense. I have come to get my groceries. You know, my larder is empty, and I can't go hungry.

That's why I'm here. All right. You go to a person who is lined up for an interview for, let us say, a computer job or some such job.

His heart is going bumpety, bumpety. Say, am I going to be selected, or am I going to be shown the door? Oh, here are people with such high qualifications, and I appear to have none compared to these people. What shall I do? I'll do the best I can, because I'm here with the expectation that I will land this job.

I need it. I can't do without it. So, I'll do my very best to secure this position.

Okay. If you asked some of those fellows who were playing soccer recently in the World Cup, well, I'm sure many of them would have said, oh, we'll make it. We'll win the game.

So, they did expect to do so. And after all, only one person won the gold or the cup. But when we come to the Lord, somehow, you know, you go to a beggar, and you say to a beggar, hey, can you loan me a buck? Well, the beggar will tell you, hey, can't you see that I'm panhandling here? And you're asking me to loan you a buck? Okay.

And you know the story of Rockefeller, one of the Rockefellers, he found that his quarter, after he had attempted to make that phone call, did not give him the line. And so, he said, hey, I lost my quarter. So, he called up the operator, said, look, your machine here is out of order.

I've just lost my quarter. You must give it back to me. Okay, sir, may we have your name and address? Of course, the poor man, he said, no, no, no, that's okay.

All right. He did not want to give away his name because that would have been very ridiculous for such a wealthy person to be fighting for a quarter. Anyway, he expected that his quarter would give him a clear line.

So, when we come to the living God, just think of the way we insult him. We don't expect a clear line. We don't expect anything big to come out of it.

Lend me a buck. Well, is he listening? You know, my dear friends, there's something wrong with our whole system today. What we call faith is certainly not the faith which the Bible speaks of.

Now unto him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that you ask or think. You know, we don't allow our thoughts to travel along the realms of eternal things. So I say, what are we really doing? We're just playing around.

Are we really going to the living God and getting those answers that transform the destiny of nations? See, I'm very troubled about it. See, I'm not trying to throw the blame on someone else. I want to take it.

When I see the scripture, I see these men, simple men, standing before rulers and emperors. They had a message for the whole nation. And today, the nation can say we can do without days of prayer or prayer breakfast.

Not even these nominal get togethers, lest we should offend those that worship some desert spirits. What rubbish! I wonder what the pilgrim fathers would say or that church that relocated in Plymouth years ago. What they would say that here is a situation we left our country and came over to secure our right and the freedom to take hold of God.

And that is dismissed out of court as being unfit for the times. My dear friends, when we have gone a whole circle, we must examine ourselves. Now, in the 62nd Psalm, you have this kind of confidence, which we see the psalmist expressing.

The fifth verse. My soul. Wait thou only upon God.

For my expectation is from him. My, you know, with our mobile phones of today, they seem to ring at odd hours. You see, in the former days, we had the office hours.

You went to the office, did your work, received your official phone calls, and you came home. You did not bring your office with you back home. But today people have no time for anybody.

And I'm afraid that the very limited time that people gave to prayer in the past. Yes, further. Weekend.

I wonder how many of you had the courage to say, Hey, I'm at prayer. I'll call you back. Or let the phone ring if they want to so badly to get hold of you.

They will call again. How many of us have given precedence. To God in that manner.

No. Oh, this might be a big job opportunity or this might bring me some advantage. This could be a very important communication.

So I can't let it go. Our expectation today is purely mundane. It is so low.

That it simply does not fit into the Bible. And with every invention. If every new invention and gadget is going to take away a part of my time and a part of my heart.

So that I cannot devote that time any longer to the Lord. Well. What is the place of God really? Would you like to be in such a place yourself? You see, I'll give my attention to everybody else.

Every color. Everything else. Money will have my full attention.

But you wife. You know. Okay, you can have your little part, but you can't impose anything upon me.

So if you are going to treat your wife in that manner. As though everything she does is imposing. Or thrusting some unwanted kind of stuff upon you.

I would like to know. Which self-respecting woman would want to occupy that place? Of course, when one has promised God at the altar. That he or she would be faithful.

Until death do them part. That word of promise and covenant should not be broken. But if a wife is treated in that manner.

Her whole status is worse than that of a servant. Well, you come along only when I want you. You know, many years ago.

Here in Ohio. A woman came to me and said. I have only been a bedfellow to my husband.

And when he slammed my voice against the wall. I had to protect him. And he would turn upon me.

You know, people have become very savage. Why? Our religion has become pretty formal and meaningless. The reality is gone.

The form remains. Who wants such a thing? I don't. You know, when I played my games years ago.

I gave all my heart to those games. Now I say, this is not a game. I am dealing with the souls of eternal people.

Eternity is the issue. Eternal conquest or eternal failure. Can come out of these efforts.

This is no game. And if I gave my heart to games. I am going to give.

A thousand. Times more. Of my attention and concentration.

And consecration. To God. I can't help but fault myself severely.

On this account. It seems like a game. It seems like an organization.

It seems like another way by which to make easy money. Is that all? That I have asked of God? How shocking. Now here we see.

In the 62nd chapter of Psalms. My soul wait thou only upon God. For my expectation is from him.

What? A warrior king? Is his expectation not from the might of his arms? Or is his expectation not from. The sovereignty of his reign. Over a large kingdom? Now I wonder.

If one of you or one of us here. Is suddenly called. The emperor of America.

Nobody has been called the emperor of America. As far as I know. But suppose suddenly.

There comes a official communication. You are selected to be the emperor. Of the greatest nation.

Well my dear friends. I wonder what you would say. You would say in that case.

My expectation comes from Washington. D.C. My expectation comes from. My credentials.

My official credentials. But here is King David. Notwithstanding all the victories.

Which he had won. Saying Lord. My expectation is from you.

Let us pray. Oh we want you Lord Jesus. Thou who are the answer of God.

To every one of our needs and problems. Oh thou who in your immeasurable wisdom and love. Gave us Jesus.

Come to us. Give us faith which is anchored in Jesus. Please Lord.

Not just this kind of thing. That is. A kind of shop window religion.

The showy noisy. Demonstrative. Stuff that does not even produce.

Holiness and integrity. In one's life. Father we pray and ask you.

Give us the real thing. What you gave Peter. What you gave Paul.

Give us the real thing we beseech. Hear our humble prayer. And let us ask ourselves.

Very plainly. What is my expectation? What shall I do with my life? Is my faith unshakably anchored in Jesus? So help us we pray. And make us real.

And make us true. Make us to be of a broken spirit. We ask in Jesus holy name.

Amen. The dark. Of the.

Nephi. In my face. While the storms.

How above me. And there's no. Hiding place.

Mid the crash. Of the thunder. Precious Lord.

Hear my cry. Keep me safe. Till the storm.

Passes by. Till the storm. Passes over.

Till the thunder. Sounds no more. Till the clouds.

Roll forever. From the sky. Hold me fast.

Let me stand. In the hollow. Keep me safe.

Till the storm. Passes by. Many times.

Satan whispers. There is no. Need to try.

For there's no. End of sorrow. There's no hope.

By and by. But I know. Thou art with me.

And tomorrow. Thou rise. With the storms.

Never darken. The sky. Rise.

Till the storm. Passes over. Till the thunder.

Sounds no more. Till the clouds. Roll forever.

From the sky. Hold me fast. Let me stand.

In the hollow. Till the storm. Passes by.

Let me stand. By. By.

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