

## What Do You Do, When God Don't Live Up to YOUR Expectations?



Our soul waits for the  
LORD; He is our help and  
our shield. For our heart  
rejoices in Him, Because  
we trust in His holy name.  
Let Your lovingkindness,  
O LORD, be upon us,  
According as we have  
hoped in You.  
Psalms 33:20-22

What do you do? What do you do, when God doesn't answer your prayers, the way **YOU** want Him to? What do you do? Do you accept **HIS WILL, HIS WAY, HIS TIMING**, to give you what you want, or do you get angry, become afraid, and run off in a cave like Elijah did, when **HIS** expectations were not satisfied to **HIS** liking ([1 Kings 19](#)), after such great victory through God ([1 Kings 18:16-45](#)) too? Ask yourself these questions and really think about your answers! Go before God and let Him minister to you; let Him show you **YOU**, then repent (**if you need to, for not accepting God's answers**), then don't behave like that anymore.

**Confession: I can identify with Elijah all too well; I use to be like him. I used to get upset and have a temper tantrum, when God did not answer the way I expected Him to. And just like Elijah, I have asked God to just let me die; that was when I was REALLY going through rough times – not too long ago either! But THANK God, He didn't listen:)! I now accept the way God answers my prayers because I know His way is better than mine, and understand that before the foundations of the world, God choose me to be adopted through Jesus, and He has a plan for my life; I say "Yes," to God's plan, therefore, I say "Yes," to the way He execute His plan, for my life!**

God wants to restore you, just as He restored Elijah; just like He restored me. Will you allow God to restore you? Will you? If you are willing to allow God to show you **YOU**, as I stated before, then answer the questions I asked earlier, and let God restore you. The teaching on ["The Restoration of Elijah,"](#) will show you that Elijah ran away and hid in the cave, because what **HE EXPECTED** did not happen, and it will show you how God restored him.

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Yes, we are to let our request be made known to God, and expect Him to answer, **BUT, IF** God doesn't answer like **WE** expect Him to, we **MUST** accept His answer, **TRUSTING** that He **KNOWS BEST**, what we need!! Not, get upset with God, shut down, and get angry with **EVERYONE** around us; this will not change the situation, and will **DEFINITELY NOT** make God change His mind!! I know, because none of my temper tantrums, caused God to change His mind; even when I asked God to let me die, that didn't change His mind:))!! We just **MUST** go through our processes and remember, we are **NOT** alone, but God is with us – He promised to **NEVER** leave us, nor forsake us, and God keeps His promises ([click here for encouraging Scriptures](#))!! We just have to trust God **IN THE PROCESS**; God knows what He is doing!! Also, God's ways are **NOT** our ways, and His thoughts are **NOT** our thoughts, so of course He will **NOT** do things our way ([Isaiah 55:8-9](#)); we are to conform to God, God does not conform to us – God is **NOT** a puppet on a string, that we make do what we want!!

Remember, there is more than one way to solve a problem. In the nature, there are multiple ways to arrive at the answer, to any math problem. Therefore, don't limit God; don't put God in a box and say, "This is how my problem **NEEDS** to be worked out." Or think, "I want it worked out like this!" **NO!** Let God be God and accept the way He works things out for you; God **KNOWS** more and **SEES**, further than we do; God knows what the future holds for us and **ALREADY** has a plan and purpose for our future! Will you allow God to restore you today! Will you?

God's Blessings,  
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