

# Disappointed with God

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## I. Introduction.

A. Often times when we misunderstand something it can lead to raised expectations that will end in disappointment.

B. We have set ourselves up for disappointment with God because we have put expectations on God He has not put on Himself.

## II. Two misunderstandings about God.

### A. The foundation of our faith in God.

1. We misunderstand where we are to focus our attention in terms of God's faithfulness in our lives.

2. We draw conclusions too soon about God's faithfulness based upon what is happening now.

3. Consequently, one's daily faith in God hinges on circumstances.

### B. Faith.

1. It is not a power to manipulate circumstances for our own interests.

2. Faith is not a power to manipulate God.

3. Our expectations of what God will do are distorted, so we set ourselves up for disappointment.

## III. The real foundation of our faith.

A. The reason we should hold firmly to the faith we profess is that in the past, Jesus rose from the dead and visibly went into the presence of God—the foundation of our faith is the historical work of Jesus. (Hebrews 4)

B. The question about God's care and concern for a person was settled two thousand years ago—God died for us showing His care for us.

C. We misinterpret the voice of God now.

## IV. Biblical faith.

A. Faith is not a power—it is being sure of what we hope for and sure of things we do not see. (Hebrews 11)

B. One can be certain of what is hoped for when one receives a promise. We can only claim by faith what we have received hope for.

C. Faith is a response to the guarantee of God.

D. Faith does not make God do things He does not want to do because He is God and we are not.

E. This bothers us because deep down we still want control.

F. The throne of grace must be approached with confidence because we have God's undivided attention.

G. Grace is the strength to make it when everything else wants to make a person quit. We may not be able to expect change when we want it, but we can expect the energy to endure.

**Application questions:**

1. Where does disappointment with God come from?

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2. How would you respond to someone who says that if you have enough faith you can do anything?

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3. What areas would you like change in that God may be calling you to endure? How can you respond differently in light of the message?

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