

James 1:6~ But let him keep on asking in faith, not doubting¹ at all, for he who doubts, is like a wave of the sea driven by the wind and blown about.

Footnote: Literally, judging for self dividedly

1· James now shows that when we ask God for something in prayer we must trust him to bring it about, not doubting that he can, or will, do what we have asked for. Faith is a trust in Yehowah God, in his goodness and his loving care for his creatures, like that of a son toward his own father. Since anointed Christians are doing God's will, then we can expect his support of our efforts in his behalf.

[Question] What must we do when asking God for something in prayer?

[Question] What is faith, and how can we illustrate what it is like?

[Question] What can all those who are doing his will expect from him in support of it?

2· Now James likens a man who doubts to the waves of the sea which move about continually, but which accomplish nothing. What things we ask God for in prayer, should be in accord with his will and purpose, and should be directed toward the accomplishing of his work. Thus a Christian's prayers reflect his purposeful approach to God's service and to life.

[Question] What does James liken a man to who doubts, and what is the likeness?

[Question] What are proper things for us to approach God asking for?

[Question] What then, should be our approach to prayer?

3· A man who doubts is like the waves of the sea for he does not have purpose, and because of doubting he does not think that what he has asked for, will happen. He is not likely to accomplish anything in God's service with such a faithless attitude.

[Question] Why is a man who doubts like waves of the sea?

[Question] What is such a man not likely to ever accomplish?

4· Keep on asking, and it will be given you. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and it will be opened to you. (Matthew 7:7)

[Question] What does Jesus Christ encourage his disciples to do regarding prayer?

- 5· **And all the things you ask in prayer, having **faith**, you will receive. (Matthew 21:22)**

[Question] What promise do we all have regarding prayer to Yehowah God in faith?

- 6· **Moreover, without **faith** it is impossible to please him well, for he that approaches God must believe that he is, and that he becomes, the rewarder of those earnestly seeking him. (Hebrews 11:6)**

[Question] Without what, is it impossible to please Yehowah God?

[Question] What must we believe about him, to receive our requests?

- 7· **In order that we should no longer be babes, tossed **about** as by **waves** and carried hither and thither by every **wind** of teaching, by means of the trickery of men, by means of cunning in contriving error. (Ephesians 4:14)**

[Question] What does Paul encourage us not to be like, and why?

- 8· **Immediately stretching out his hand Jesus caught hold of him and said to him; You with little **faith**, why did you give way to doubt? (Matthew 14:31)**

[Question] What did Jesus Christ say to Peter when he started to sink into the sea?

- 9· **In answer Jesus said to them; Truly I say to you, if only you have **faith** and do not doubt, not only will you do what I did to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain; Be lifted up and cast into the sea, it will happen. (Matthew 21:21)**

[Question] What did Jesus Christ say would be possible for them, if they had true faith.?

- 10· **For everyone **asking** receives, and everyone seeking finds, and to everyone knocking it will be opened. (Luke 11:10)**

[Question] What promise did Jesus Christ make to those asking, seeking and knocking of God?

- 11· **So that we may be of good courage and say; Yehowah is**

**my helper. I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?
(Hebrews 13:6)**

[Question] How should anointed Christians feel about their lives, and why should they not be in fear of men?

**12. Also, continue showing mercy to some that have doubts.
(Jude 1:22)**

[Question] How should stronger anointed Christians treat those, whose faith is weak?