**POWER OF EXPECTATION**

***5 “My soul, wait only upon God and silently submit to Him; for my hope and expectation are from Him. 6 He only is my Rock and my Salvation; He is my Defense and my Fortress, I shall not be moved. 7 With God rests my salvation and my glory; He is my Rock of unyielding strength and impenetrable hardness, and my refuge is in God! 8 Trust in, lean on, rely on, and have confidence in Him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts before Him. God is a refuge for us (a fortress and a high tower). Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!”***

**INTRODUCTION**

* EXPECTATION: a strong belief that something will happen or be the case in the future. A belief that someone will or should achieve something.
* **Hebrew *‘tiqvah’*** *:* hope, live, thing I long for
	+ For 20 years Jacob waited to get possession of his wives and property, and to be freed from the control of Laban his father-in-law ***(Genesis 31:38 - 41).***
	+ For 20 years the children of Israel waited to be freed of Jabin, king of Canaan, who oppressed them. God response was to raise up Deborah and Barak, who freed the people from bondage ***(Judges 4 - 5).***
* Have you lost HOPE in God, life….(Hope is an expected end..not a process)
	+ ***Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. Romans‬***
* What are you expecting in life? Greatness is in you!
* Many believers of God are NOT living a true life of expectation. Many are living a life of ‘want’. I want this…I want that …
	+ You DON’T get what you WANT in life, you get what you EXPECT

 ***(James 2:26 …Faith without works is dead)***

* Jeremiah says in his lament
	+ ***“But this I recall and therefore have I hope and expectation: It is because of the Lord's mercy and loving-kindness that we are not consumed, because His [tender] compassions fail not. [Mal. 3:6.] They are new every morning; great and abundant is Your stability and faithfulness. [Isa. 33:2.] The Lord is my portion or share, says my living being (my inner self); therefore will I hope in Him and wait expectantly for Him. [Num. 18:20.] The Lord is good to those who wait hopefully and expectantly for Him, to those who seek Him [inquire of and for Him and require Him by right of necessity and on the authority of God's word].” Lamentations‬***

**SELF-CONCEPT EXPECTATION**

* ***“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But desire fulfilled is a tree of life.”***

***Proverbs‬***

*‘Hope’ here is expectation & ‘heart’ is your Will, understanding [mind]*

1.Many have said that Attitude is the most important word in the

 human language.

2.Eighty-five percent (85%) of your success will be determined by how much of a

 PMA (Positive Mental Attitude) you have –***Brian Tracey***

3.Attitude comes from expectations.

4.Our expectations come from our beliefs and our values.

**EXPECTATION BEHAVIOR**

***Or does He speak certainly and entirely for our sakes? [Assuredly] it is written for our sakes, because the plowman ought to plow in hope, and the thresher ought to thresh in expectation of partaking of the harvest. If we have sown [the seed of] spiritual good among you, [is it too] much if we reap from your material benefits? 1 Corinthians‬***

**EXPECTATION BOLDNESS**

***according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.***

**EXPECTATION OF ETERNAL LIFE**

***“And so, since we have been justified by his grace, we become heirs with the confident expectation of eternal life.”***

***For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.***