

Principles for Breakthrough Prayers Mark 11:20-25

He answered prayer—not in the way I sought
Nor in the way that I had thought He ought;
But in His own good way; and I could see
He answered in the fashion best for me

Mark 11:24 – Therefore I tell you, everything you pray and ask for—
believe that you have received it and it will be yours. (CSB)

Thanking God **after** he gives something is **gratitude**.

Thanking God **before** he gives it is called **faith**.

Mark 11:20-21 – ²⁰Early in the morning, as they were passing by,
they saw the fig tree withered from the roots up. ²¹Then Peter
remembered and said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you
cursed has withered.” (CSB)

I. Breakthrough prayers focus on **God** not on the **problem**.

Mark 11:22 – Jesus replied to them, “Have faith in God. (CSB)

1 John 5:14-15 – ¹⁴This is the confidence we have before him: If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked of him. (CSB)

John 15:7-8 – ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be my disciples. (CSB)

II. Breakthrough prayers have a **purpose**.

Mark 11:23 – Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. (CSB)

III. Breakthrough prayers thank God in **advance**.

Mark 11:24 – Therefore I tell you, everything you pray and ask for—believe that you have received it and it will be yours. (CSB)

John 14:12-14 – ¹²“Truly I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. (CSB)

IV. Breakthrough prayers involves **forgiveness**.

Mark 11:25 – And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven will also forgive you your wrongdoing.” (CSB)

Psalms 66:16-20 – ¹⁶Come and listen, all who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. ¹⁷I cried out to him with my mouth, and praise was on my tongue. ¹⁸If I had been aware of malice in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. ¹⁹However, God has listened; he has paid attention to the sound of my prayer. ²⁰Blessed be God! He has not turned away my prayer or turned his faithful love from me. (CSB)

Thought for the Week:

The purpose of prayer is not to get **your will** done in heaven,
but to get **God's will** done on earth.

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