

Great Expectations
Matthew 21:1-10
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Introduction:

We have expectations of our marriage partner, kids, parents, friends and even God.

I. The story:

- A. Set the scene
- B. The approach (vs.1-7)
- C. The height of praise (vs.8-9)
- D. The result (vs.10)



II. The crowds' expectations:

- A. Temporary reign vs. Eternal reign
- B. Temporary salvation vs. Eternal salvation
- C. Temporary healing vs. Eternal healing
- D. Temporary prosperity vs. Eternal treasure

III. Dealing with our expectations in God

- A. Circumstantial Faith
- B. Why it does not work
 - 1. Time frame is not long enough
 - 2. We are not good at interpreting circumstances
 - 3. We don't know what God is up to
- C. What can I expect from God? (Hebrews 4:14-15)
 - 1. We have a high priest who knows us
 - 2. Our confession is in him
 - 3. We can come boldly
 - 4. He gives us: grace, mercy, forgiveness

*Living Grace: The ability to handle any situation in a Godly way.
When expectations aren't met, you have grace to help you.*

Conclusion:

Isaiah 55:8-9

**⁸ "For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,"**

declares the Lord.

**⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.**