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Sermon Notes

1 Samuel 7:1-29

"What he takes and what he gives
Shows the Father's love so precious"

Expectations - Observations = Frustrations

How to respond to unmet expectations:

1. Trust God's plan

Psalms 33:11 ESV

11 The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.

1 Kings 8:27 ESV

27 "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built!

Proverbs 19:21 ESV

21 Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.

How to respond to unmet expectations:

2. Praise God's provision

Revelation 22:3 NLT

3 No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him.

What is praise?

1. Entering God's presence

2. Remembering God's provision

3. Surrendering to God's will

How easily our imaginations can be captured by and our energies exhausted by what we want to build for God, when what he really wants is for us to sit attentively, witnessing what he is building so that we may marvel and give him thanks!

How to respond to unmet expectations:

3. Faith in God's promises

Hebrews 11:13 ESV

13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

Revelation 11:15 ESV

15 Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."