*Monday, March 12, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

James 1:2-4 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; (3) Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. (4) But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. (KJV)

Having made your prayer request to our Father in heaven through our mediator Jesus Christ, if it is made according to His will we have His peace, and now it is a matter of waiting for the answer to manifest. Do take note of the fact that not only did our Father in heaven notice your request, but so did the enemy who will do all he can to prey on our lower nature trying to get us to jump the gun so to speak and not allow patience to have its perfect work. Sometimes people just give up to easily and end up settling for something second hand rather than waiting on the perfect gift from above.

Philippians 4:6-7 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (7) And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (KJV)

That word careful is making reference to being anxious, something that the enemy of our Lord would desire to see God’s people fall for, basically letting their emotions take over rather than the Spirit. Do take note of the fact that thanksgiving is mentioned as well, because when you become confident in your prayer life then you know and don’t have to guess that our Lord has heard and already acted on your request, no matter how long or how late that you may think it is in manifesting.

1 John 5:13-15 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. (14) And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: (15) And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. (KJV)

It’s when you put more faith in the things above and in the name of the Son of God, Jesus Christ which is above every name, it is at that point that you go from just hoping your requests are heard and will manifest, to knowing and being confident that they are heard.

Psalms 20:5-7 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions. (6) Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand. (7) Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God. (KJV)

Our lower nature has a tendency to lean back to its own understanding, and will look for something in the outward realm to satisfy an inward hunger. It’s when you put your trust and confidence in things that are not seen is when you will become perfect, mature, lacking nothing in your walk.