

# Can I Expect That From God?

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**Theme or Scripture Basis** Prayer - John 15:7, Matthew 18:19, Matthew 21:22  
James 4:3, Matthew 7:11, Mark 11:24, James 1:6-7

**Synopsis** Doubtful and Hopeful are headed to Bible study. They make a variety of stops before they make it to study. When they read all the Bible verses about prayer, Doubtful has a hard time understanding how someone can ask God for anything and expect to get what he asks. Hopeful uses the stops at the bank, coffee shop and even Doubtful's order on the internet as an illustration on how we exercise faith everyday and yet we still wavier when it comes to God.

## CAST

Doubtful

Hopeful

Bank Teller

Clerk at Coffeeshop

Bible Study Leader

3 Bible Study Members

Scene opens with DOUBTFUL at home typing on a computer. HOPEFUL knocks on the door.

**DOUBTFUL** (opening the door) Hey, what'ya doing?

**HOPEFUL** I was gonna get some coffee and head over to Bible study. You want to come?

**DOUBTFUL** Yeah, sounds good, but let me finish up something on the computer. Hey, would you mind stopping at the bank on the way?

**HOPEFUL** Sure, we've got time.

**DOUBTFUL** Great. (walking back to computer) This won't take long. (talking to himself while putting in an online order, clicking his mouse as he goes along) Okay. . . Checkout. . .shipping, hmmm, it'd be great to have it soon, yea, we'll do priority, okay, um-hmm, (one final click) There! Okay, I'm ready to go.

They walk to the bank, exchanging pleasantries along the way.

**DOUBTFUL** This'll just take a minute. (walking up to TELLER)

**TELLER** Hello. Can I help you?

**DOUBTFUL** (pulling check out of wallet) Hi, yes (looking up) Say, I don't think I've seen you here before.

**TELLER** No, probably not. I just started Monday.

**DOUBTFUL** Oh, well, nice to meet you. (*shake hands*) Are you from around here?

**TELLER** No, I moved here a few weeks ago.

**DOUBTFUL** Well, what do you think of our little town?

TELLER and DOUBTFUL continue chit-chatting. HOPEFUL looks at watch and shakes head, then walks up to DOUBTFUL and nudges him, motioning for him to get on with it.

**DOUBTFUL** Oh, yeah, sorry, I just need to make a deposit.

**TELLER** (*nodding*) Your account number, please?

**DOUBTFUL** Right, it's 100 542 377.

**TELLER** Okay. (*typing into computer*)

**DOUBTFUL** And I'd like \$50 cash too, please.

**TELLER** Okay.

TELLER continues to process the transaction and DOUBTFUL turns back to HOPEFUL and gives him the thumbs up. HOPEFUL smiles and waves.

**TELLER** (*Handing him money and a receipt*) There you go. Have a nice day!

**DOUBTFUL** Thanks, you too. Who's talkin' to ya! (*to HOPEFUL*) Coffee?

**HOPEFUL** You got it!

They go to a coffeeshop where a dead-pan CLERK with terrible allergies greets them.

**CLERK** Welcome to . . .ah. . .ah. . .(*motions to them to hang on a minute and waits for the sneeze, which doesn't come. Signs and starts again*) Welcome to . . .  
(*the same thing happens and this time CLERK sniffs, opens and shuts eyes and shakes it off*) Welcome to . . .(*finally there is a MAJOR sneeze and in a nasally voice CLERK says*) . . .Java Jive.

**HOPEFUL** Whoa! You've got quite a cold there.

**CLERK** (*sniffing*) Allergies. What can I get you?

**HOPEFUL** Well, let's see here (*scanning imaginary menu board*)

The whole time HOPEFUL and DOUBTFUL are at coffeshop, CLERK is sniffing and wiping nose on sleeve, coughing, rubbing eyes, snorting, etc.