

Speaker: Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
Title: A man who wavers cannot expect God to answer.
Text: James 1:6-8

Intro.: James began with faith (James 1:3) and ends with the same topic on faith James 5:15.

Body : **James 1:6-8 (New International Version)**

But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; **8**he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

1. Believe and not doubt

'When he asks'

Don't allow any wild thoughts to disturb your prayer and shake your confidence in what you are 'asking'.

The person who doubts when praying that person is like a wave of the sea.

Driven from without by the wind. And tossed about from within by his own unstableness.

2. He must not think that he will receive an answer to his prayer (v.7)

Jesus ask the blind man 'Believest thou that i am able to do this?'

If we waver, then we cannot expect God to answer.

The fault is not with God. It lies with the pray-er.

3. Why he will not receive? (v.8)

- Because he is double minded.
- Because he is unstable in **all** his ways.

4. Solution to unanswered prayer (James 4:8)

- Draw near to God
- He will draw near to you
- Cleanse your hands
- Purify your hearts

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Concl : James began his letter with the topic on the prayer of faith.

James 1:6 'let him ask in faith'.

And he ended his letter with the same topic on the prayer of faith.

James 5:18 'And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth caused its fruit to sprout.'

The end result is not that we will get everything that we ask in prayer.

The end result of faith is that 'he who turns back the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.'
(James 5:20)