

Waiting on God

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. No-one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse. Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.

Ps 25:1-5

I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

Ps 27:13-14

Waiting on God Ps 25:1-5; 27:13,14

WAIT ON GOD

- For his presence
- For his strength
- For his provision
- For his direction
- For his timing
- For his wisdom

Why does God want us to wait?

- To get us in step with Him, sifting our motives
(Heb 4:12)
- To build up our faith (Ps 27:14)
- To prepare us for the challenge to come (Ps 32:8)
- God desires our company and dependence on Him
(Gen 2:18)

How to wait on the Lord?

- **Courageously** (Ps 130:5)
- **Expectantly:** Psalm 27:
- **All the day:** (Ps.25:5) Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You *are* the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day
- **Patiently:** (Ps.37:7) Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him...
- **Keeping His way:** (Ps.37:34) Wait on the LORD, and keep His way, ... and He shall exalt you to inherit the land; When the wicked are cut off, you shall see *it*.
- **Hope:** (Ps.39:7) "And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope *is* in You. (Ps.130:5) I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His Word I do hope.

How to wait on the Lord?

- **His Name:** (Ps.52:9) I will wait on Your name, for *it is* good.
- **Alone:** (Ps.62:5) My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation *is* from Him.
- **Physical effort:** (Ps.69:3) I am weary with my crying; My throat is dry; My eyes fail while I wait for my God.
- **As a testimony:** (Ps.69:6) Let not those who wait for You, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed because of me...

The consequences of not waiting on God

- We get out of God's will
- We delay God's planned blessing for us
- We bring to ourselves pains and heartache
- We hurt others by not waiting on God
- We bring confusion to our life
- We miss out God's best for us

SOME BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF WAITING UPON THE LORD:

A. ABRAHAM AND SARAH (FOR ISAAC)

B. NOAH (FOR THE FLOOD AND SUBSIDING WATERS)

C. JOSEPH (FOR HIS "TIME" IN POWER)

D. JESUS (FOR THE "TIME TO BE FULFILLED")

E. MARY AND MARTHA (FOR JESUS TO ARRIVE WHEN LAZARUS DIED.)

F. DAVID WAIT FOR MANY YEARS TO BECOME KING

G. THE DISCIPLES (FOR THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT)

Summary:

When you are waiting on God, continue to:

- 1) Thank Him for His mercy
- 2) Look forward to His faithfulness
- 3) Completely surrender your will to His

Whether you are currently waiting on a personal promise God has given to you specifically, or are simply longing for the promise of eternal salvation and deliverance that we all share as followers of Jesus, always remember that no waiting on God is in vain. He never forgets, He never goes back on His Word, and the joy you will experience on the day of your vindication will be that much greater simply because you waited well.

“And it will be said in that day, “Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited. Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation”

(Isaiah 25:9).

“So let us know, let us press on to know the LORD. As surely as the sun rises He will appear. And He will come to us like the rain, like the spring rain watering the earth”

(Hosea 6:3)