

# WAITING ON GOD

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**Psalms 25:5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.**

**Psalms 62:5 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.**

## I. Live a life of DESIRE towards God.

- A. Wait on Him like a beggar waits on his benefactor; to receive supply (examples of Thailand, Mexico. Difference between children (impatient, wants everything now, and adults, willing to wait)
  - a. Psalms 104:27 These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.
  - b. Psalms 145:15 The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.
  - c. Blind Bart: Luke 18:38-39 And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.
  - d. We must wait with great anticipation of His supply. Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

## II. Live a life of DELIGHT in God.

- A. Wait on Him like a love waits on her beloved; to receive sweet fellowship
  - a. Song of Solomon 8:14 Make haste, my beloved, and be thou like to a roe or to a young hart upon the mountains of spices.
  - b. Isaiah 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.
  - c. Psalms 27:8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.
  - d. Revelation 2:4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Have we given up on our first love?

## III . Live a life of DEPENDENCE on God.

- A. Wait on Him like a child waits on his father; to receive strength. My childhood of waiting on my dad to return home from work.
  - a. Psalms 27:14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.
  - b. Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

It's fair to say that if we renew our strength by waiting on the Lord, then we become weak by our impatience.

- c. Psalms 59:9 Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defence.
- d. Samson: Judges 16:28 And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.
- e. The Prodigal Son: Luke 15:17-19 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

#### IV. Live a life of DEVOTEDNESS to God.

A. Wait on Him like a servant waits on his master; to receive orders. Our maid Kum-li.

- a. Psalms 123:2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.
- b. Psalms 40:1-3 I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

1 Thessalonians 1:6-10 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing. For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

There is another kind of waiting. A very dangerous kind. Those who are “waiting” for the right time to accept Christ as their Saviour. Waiting to “get things figured out”. Waiting to “get their life right”. Just as those in the days of Noah waited too long and missed their salvation, so today no man knows the day or the hour that the door to the ark of safety will be closed. Paul writes in **2 Cor 6:2; behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.**) Christians; are you “waiting” to be scripturally baptized? What are you waiting for? Are you “waiting” to join the church God’s choice? What are you waiting for? Members of the family of the Olde Tyme Baptist Church; has God laid a ministry on your heart that He wants you to be involved with? What are you waiting for? Has God challenged you regarding tithing? What are you waiting for? Jesus waits at the door of the church, waiting for that sweet fellowship. Are we making the One who died for us wait at the door while we “figure things out?” While we decide if He’s worthy of our time, talents and resources? While we decide if His church is worthy of our membership? Men; Has God called you into a deeper ministry? Job said: **Job 7:1 Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling?** We have a task to accomplish. As I said last week, we are NOT volunteers. We are soldiers for the Lord. As soldiers we are “assigned” to post at The Olde Tyme Baptist Church. This is our “duty station”. This has been a message on the value of waiting on God. But God is also waiting on us. How long will the creator of all things be made to wait? How long will the One who should be our first love be left out, knocking on our hearts, wanting sweet fellowship?