

Teach Me Lord To Wait

Waiting for God means . . .

1. Activity under command.
2. Readiness for any new command that may come.
3. Ability to do nothing until the command is given.

I. Wait on God in Obedience

Genesis 15

- Abraham did not enjoy waiting
- Ch.16: 'don't just wait; do something'
- Ch.21:5-7, not all laughter was for Isaac.
 - Joy marred by tension of divided family

Waiting reveals our attitude toward God

- Ruth 1, Naomi
- 1 Sm.13, Saul
 - “I’d rather go to hell for doing too much than too little”
 - Took matters into his own hands
- Common views:
 - Doing something better than doing nothing
 - Going somewhere better than sitting still

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- Isa.40:31
 - Teach Me Lord to Wait –
 1. Teaching. Ps.6:1-3
 2. Timing. “Instant society”
 3. Trust. 2 Co.12:7-10 . . . Ps.73
 4. Tenacity. Ps.92:7, 12-15
- Ac.1:4-5, apostles (Mt.17:9)

I. Wait on God in Obedience

II. Wait on God in Faith

Ex.14:....13-14, stand still...

- Egyptian army closes in... Ex.14:....13-14
- Jonah (4:....6)
- Saul of Tarsus, Ac.9
- God rewards those who wait in faith
 - Skeptics' assault our faith
 - Persecution
 - 1 Sm.24, 26, persecution prepared David
 - Ep.6:11, 13-14, stand (3x)
 - 1 Tim.5:24-25

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III. Wait on God in Pain

Ps.119:67...71

- Hb.10:32
 - We learn and grow in pain
- Pain teaches us lessons . . . (Ps.119)
- Good things can come from pain –
 1. Leads to self examination. Lk.13:2-3
 2. Sets encouraging example for others.
Ph.1:13-14
 3. Increases faith. 1 Pt.1:6-7

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IV. Wait on Lord to Come

Ro.8:...19, earnest expectation

- Revelation of sons of God, 19
- Redemption of body, 23
- Realization of hope, 24-25

Hope requires “capacity to hold out or bear up in face of difficulty, patience, endurance, fortitude, steadfastness, perseverance”

James 5:7-11

- Be patient like farmer, 7-8
 - Coming of Lord, 7
 - Be patient while waiting, 8
- Be patient with brothers, 9
- Be patient like prophets, 10
- Be patient like Job, 11
 - **End**: purpose of Lord; how God dealt with him in the end.
 - **Pain** will make us bitter or better.