

WAITING ON THE LORD

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INTRODUCTION

- "So you, by the help of your God, return, hold fast to love and justice, and wait continually for your God." (Hos 12:6)
- "Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!" (Ps 27:14)
- "Therefore wait for me," declares the LORD . . ." (Zeph 3:8)

What does it mean to wait on the Lord?

- "Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long." (Ps 25:5)
- "Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!" (Ps 37:7)
- "Wait for the LORD and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land; you will look on when the wicked are cut off." (Ps 37:34)
- "I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning." (Ps 130:5-6)
- Definition of waiting: When a believer waits with a trusting, faithful, obedient heart for God to respond to his or her circumstances.

Who in the Bible serves as a good example of one who waited on the Lord?

- David is a good example of someone who waited on the Lord.
- Women's Song
"Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands." (1 Sam 18:7)
- Saul's Response
"Saul was very angry, and [the women's singing] displeased him. And Saul said, 'They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the kingdom?' And Saul eyed David from that day on." (1 Sam 18:8-9)
- Saul became jealous of David and sought to kill him multiple times.

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- “Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!” (Ps 27:14)
- “I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.” (Ps 40:1-2)

What lessons can we learn from David’s experience of waiting on the Lord?

- Waiting can be extremely difficult.
- Waiting may be for an extended season.
- Suffering in the midst of waiting is not necessarily an indication that we have sinned, that God is angry at us, that He is punishing us or that we are out of His will.

What words of encouragement does the Bible give to those who wait on the Lord?

- God will renew the strength of those who wait on Him.
“But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.” (Isa 40:31)
- God will honor those who wait on Him (They will not be ashamed).
“Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame” (Ps 25:3)

APPLICATION

- “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” (Rom 8:28)
- God has a plan for those He loves. We must trust Him to bring His plan to pass. We must wait on Him with a trusting, faithful, obedient heart to respond to our circumstances.
- God is a loving, faithful, sovereign God who cares for you. If you are not a believer, repent of your sin, place your faith in Jesus as your Lord and surrender your life to Him today.

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