

Waiting on God

“Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.” Psalm 27:14

In Psalm 27:14 we are admonished to wait on the Lord and to have courage while waiting. That is a challenge for most of us. What does it mean to wait on God? What are we to do while we are waiting? These questions and more have been asked by those who have found themselves in a holding pattern. God will often make us wait for whatever He has promised, especially during our season of preparation. In fact, waiting is an important part of our preparation. It will prove whether we truly trust Him or not. Will you trust God when you can't trace Him?

Waiting can be a time of testing. Do you recall King Saul's impatience which led to disobedience in 1 Samuel 13? He was told to wait on the Prophet Samuel for 7 days, but Samuel delayed in coming. Saul began to be concerned about the scattering of his people; so, he took matters into his own hands and offered a sacrifice to the Lord. That was not permitted, because Saul was king and not a priest. He disobeyed the law of God to appease the people and incurred God's wrath.

It's not always easy to wait on God, especially when we are desperate and feel as though we need an answer or a deliverance right away. We must, however, wait. Waiting on God means we do not move ahead of His timing or instruction regardless of our circumstances. In order to patiently wait on God, we need to have confidence in His promises and trust that He will do whatever He said at the appointed time. For all the promises of God in Him are yes, and in Him amen. 2 Corinthians 1:20

While waiting encourage yourself through prayer, reading God's word, being thankful and listening to hymns and spiritual songs. All of these things will help to build your confidence and faith in the Lord. Resist the temptation to take matters into your own hands. Remember, Saul lost his kingdom because of His disobedience.

Sisters and brothers, though it is not always easy, wait on God. He will never fail you and He is always on time. Wait, I say, on the Lord!

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