

Waiting (Im)Patiently

Psalms 27:4 & 13-14

- Psalm 27:4 - ⁴ One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.
- ¹³ I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. ¹⁴ Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Reasons Why We Do Not Wait on the Lord

- We are too busy
- Luke 10:39-40 - ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore, tell her to help me."

Reasons Why We Do Not Wait on the Lord

- Luke 10:41-42 ⁴¹ And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. ⁴² There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.” (NLT)
- You will always make time for what is important to you.

Reasons Why We Do Not Wait on the Lord

- We become impatient
- Psalm 69:1-3 - Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul. ²I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. ³I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

Reasons Why We Do Not Wait on the Lord

- We are weary and sorrowful
- Matthew 26:40-41 - ⁴⁰ Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.”

Reasons Why We Do Not Wait on the Lord

- Sometimes the devil wants to make us mad at God, but many times he desires us to feel hopeless, unworthy or abandoned. He wants our souls to be downcast. (Psalms 42-43)

How We Wait On the Lord

- Wait is qavah (kaw-raw') in Hebrew – It means:
To bind together by twisting; to expect; to
patiently tarry.
- Waiting means putting all other things aside to
meet with Jesus. (Bind together)

How We Wait On the Lord

- We wait by faith. (To expect, patiently wait)
- Faith without patience is a wish. Patience understands God's counsel, timing and ways are not to be overridden but rested in.

How We Wait On the Lord

- Psalm 69:13-15 - ¹³ But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation. ¹⁴ Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters. ¹⁵ Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

How We Wait On the Lord

- Waiting means pouring out your heart to Jesus as Jesus poured out His heart to His Father.
- 1 Samuel 1:8-15 - ¹⁰ Hannah was greatly distressed, and she prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish...¹⁵ But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman with a despairing spirit. I have not been drinking wine or any intoxicating drink, but I have poured out my soul before the Lord. (AMP)

How We Wait On the Lord

- Don't pretend with Jesus. Be honest when you come before Him. Don't be "Christian", be the Father's child.

Why We Wait On the Lord

- The Lord is waiting on us.
- Isaiah 30:18 - ¹⁸ So the Lord must wait for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion. For the Lord is a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for his help. (NLT)

Why We Wait On the Lord

- We wait to hear from Jesus; even if that means we wait alone because all others have left.
- Exodus 33:11 - ¹¹ So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle

Why We Wait On the Lord

- Psalm 91:14-16 - ¹⁴ “Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. ¹⁵ He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation.”
- God will always answer us! He is never silent, we just are not listening or waiting for His answer.

Why We Wait On the Lord

- We wait because that is where we are healed and restored.
- Psalm 46:10 - ¹⁰ Be still, and know that I *am* God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

Why We Wait On the Lord

- The Hebrew word for *still*, from Psalm 46 is raphah. It means to slacken, abate, cease, be faint, let alone, be weak.
- Raphah can also be spelled rapha, which means to mend, to cure, to make completely whole, to heal. (Exodus 15:25-26)

Why We Wait On the Lord

- Isaiah 40:29-31 - ²⁹ He gives power to the weak, and to *those who have* no might He increases strength.
³⁰ Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, ³¹ But those who wait on 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.

Why We Wait On the Lord

- We need to stop striving and simply stop and sit at the feet of Jesus.
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