

## Wait Upon the Lord

There are times when the waiting room requires a season of prayer. The waiting room is much MORE than prayer and bible study. They can be the preparations for silently learning to wait on God to speak directly to you as we learn to commune Spirit to spirit. This is an art not easily learned, even after knowing He dwells in you.

Hebrews 5:14 tells us that the mature will be skilled in the Word and by use of their senses trained to discern good and evil. That will never happen without spending time in the Waiting Room of Prayer to be ready, in silence, to wait before Him..

Here is an outline for the benefits of following this thinking:

1. We are Exhorted to Wait Upon God:
  - a. Wait and be of courage (Psalms 27:14)
  - b. Wait only on God (Psalms 62:5)
  - c. Wait patiently (Psalms 37:7)
  - d. Wait quietly (Lamentations 3:26)
2. Promises to those Waiting Upon Him:
  - a. He shall renew their strength (Isaiah 40:31)
  - b. They shall inherit blessings (Psalms 37:9)
  - c. They shall not be a shamed (Isaiah 49:23)
  - d. The Lord shall be good to them (Lamentations 3:25)
  - e. They shall be blessed (Isaiah 30:18)
  - f. They shall not be ashamed (Isaiah 49:23)
3. Testimonies of Those Who Waited:
  - a. David (Psalms 25:5; 23:2)
  - b. Jeremiah (Jeremiah 14:22)
  - c. Micah (Micah 7:7)
  - d. David said "I waited, he heard" (Psalms 40:1)
4. We are to Wait Upon God for:
  - a. Mercy (Psalms 123:2)
  - b. Pardon (Psalms 39: 7,8)
  - c. Salvation (Genesis 49:18)
  - d. Divine guidance and instruction (Psalms 25:5)
  - e. Protection against evil (Psalms 59:9,10)
  - f. For the fulfillment of all His promises (Acts 1:4)
  - g. For the coming of Christ (1Thess 1:10)
5. We should Wait Upon God with:
  - a. The soul (mind will, emotions) (Psalms 62:1,5)
  - b. Intense or earnest desire (Psalms 130:6)
  - c. Patience (Psalms 40:1)
  - d. Resignation (Lamentations 3:26)
  - e. Fullness of confidence (Micah 7:7)
  - f. Continually (Hosea 12:6)
  - g. All the day (Psalms 25:5)

6. Christian Waiting Upon the Lord:
- a. We have great expectation (Psalms 62:5)
  - b. We are heard (Psalms 40:1)
  - c. We are blessed (Isaiah 30:18)
  - d. We receive glorious things from God (Isaiah 64:4)
  - e. We rejoice in salvation (Isaiah 25:9)

Many of these great Truths are from the Old Testament and according to 1 Corinthians 10:11 “Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.” Not every promise or situation is always directly given to the Church, but to Israel. However, every Truth, in general, may be applied to our living Godly lives.

Always read the setting of the passage, what happens before and after the verse to get the correct people that are being addressed and if you can apply the principle in your life.

Psalms 62:5 is a good example of a command that can be applied to life. Even in the most difficult circumstances God alone is always more present and nearer than anything around you. All our knowledge of God’s Word will help us very little, if we allow our circumstances, trials, temptation, character, temper, friends, enemies, circumstances take first place in our walk. If we refuse to reject these distractions; we really do not know our God as we should.

He has promised I will be their God and so often is added, “And you shall KNOW that I am your God. Knowing comes from renewing the mind in the stillness and quietness of an UNBUSY Heart.

Much more to come regarding this wonderful way of walking in the world, but not of it. This is a handout to get you familiar with much of what Christ taught and walked while setting the example of how we should be conformed in our understanding and into His likeness.

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