

"Waiting on the Lord"

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I. David's desire

Psalms 27:4 One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: 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 inquire in His temple.

- A. Dwelling – He longed to be planted in the presence of the Lord
- B. Beholding – To gaze on the beauty of the of the Lord
- C. Inquiring – To ask the Lord questions about Himself
- D. Often we read Psalm 27:4 without referencing Psalm 27:3 & 5.

Psalms 27:3 Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, In this I will be confident ... 5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

- E. David Summarizes Psalm 27 with verse 14, "Wait on the Lord. Be of good Courage and he will strengthen your heart."

II. Waiting on the Lord

A. Waiting on someone is never on your own terms; it's on their terms. You have to wait until they're ready. If you leave before they're ready you didn't wait on them, you left them.

B. Waiting means you pause what you're doing - your schedule, your plans - and you defer to someone else's schedule and plans.

C. Our willingness to wait or not says a lot about how highly we value our plans, our schedules, and ourselves. If we refuse to wait for the Lord it's a statement that we value our plans and ways above His.

D. Time spent waiting on Jesus is never time wasted. You don't lose any time when you wait on Him.

E. You actually slow down kingdom progress by refusing to wait on the Lord. (Over the years, I wish I would've waited more and strategized less.)

F. Impatience is a great sin. When we are impatient we are no longer being motivated by love but fear. Love is always patient (1 Cor 13:4)

G. The process of waiting is the breaking of the soul. Just as a horse has to be broken from directing it's own course and running at His own will, so too the Lord breaks us in waiting.

Psa 32:8-9 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. 9 Do not be like the horse or like the mule, Which have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you.

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III. Saul's Downfall

1 Samuel 13:8-14 Then he waited seven days, according to the time set by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. 9 So Saul said, "Bring a burnt offering and peace offerings here to me." And he offered the burnt offering. 10 Now it happened, as soon as he had finished presenting the burnt offering, that Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him. 11 And Samuel said, "What have you done?" Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered together at Michmash, 12 then I said, 'The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the LORD.' Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt offering." 13 And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you. For now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. 14 But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

IV. Priests Wait on the Lord

1 Pet 2:9 But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

- A. A priest had to wait seven days before the Lord before He could be of any service to the Him. In fact if he did not wait, he would be put to death (Lev 8:35).
- B. We tend to be so carnal that we have lost all value for waiting. We value frenzied activity with little concern over whether it is ordained of heaven. As long as there is human action we are satisfied. If men are moving, it doesn't matter if heaven moves. We want action even if it's not anointed.
- C. God is raising up a priestly people who will learn the lost art of waiting on the Lord. They will tarry until they are endued with power. They won't come to God primarily to get stuff or to talk about themselves they will sit at His feet and hear His word.
- D. God is calling us to lives as priests before the Lord. Unwilling to operate in the arm of the flesh.

V. End of the Age Application

Jer 23:21 "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. **22** But if they had stood in My counsel, And had caused My people to hear My words, Then they would have turned them from their evil way And from the evil of their doings.