

Can God Trust Us To Wait on Him?

Points to Consider

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Reasons to Wait

Isa 40:10-11 *Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand, And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him. He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young.*

- We can wait on God because He _____ about His people.

1 Peter 5:6-7 *Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.*

- The humble must realize that God exalts them in _____ time. That means we must wait for His timing.
- While we wait, we can cast our cares on Him, for He cares for us.

Isa 40:12 *Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, Measured heaven with a span And calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?*

- God is _____ enough to help.

Num 11:21-23 *And Moses said, "The people whom I am among are six hundred thousand men on foot; yet You have said, 'I will give them meat, that they may eat for a whole month.' 22 Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, to provide enough for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to provide enough for them?" And the Lord said to Moses, "Has the Lord's arm been shortened? Now you shall see whether what I say will happen to you or not."*

- Even Moses _____ God's bigness on occasion.

Isa 40:13-14 *Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, Or as His counselor has taught Him? With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding?*

- We wait on God because He is _____ than us.
- He cares about us. He has the power to help us. He has the wisdom to help us. He has a plan to help us.

Examples of Active Waiters

Bad Examples

1 Sam 13:7-10

- Saul's inability to wait for Samuel _____ him the kingdom.
- Saul just had to wait a _____ longer. Samuel came as soon as Saul had finished the offering.

Ex 32:1 *Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."*

- The children of Israel could _____ wait for Moses to return with God's law.

Good Examples

Gal 4:4-5 *But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.* NKJV

- What did Jesus do during that _____ years of waiting? He _____ helped His Father guide his future physical family until "the fulness of time had come."
- During the Lord's Supper talk this morning we noted that Jesus was considered a teacher (Rabbi) by His antagonists, true seekers, and His disciples.
- Jesus actively waited until He was _____ to start His ministry, in part, because you had to be thirty to be considered a Rabbi.
- This first stage of school consisted of going to the synagogue and learning the _____. All the students memorized portions of the Torah; the best memorized it all. This phase lasted until 10-12 years of age.

Luke 2: 46 *Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers*

- Jesus proved Himself worthy of advancing to the second level of formal education where He not only learned the trade of carpentry but studied the _____ and the writings of other Rabbis.
- At the age of fifteen they could start providing their own interpretations.
- At the age of twenty they could seek out a Rabbi and start learning from him.
- At the age of thirty they were officially _____ as a Rabbi who could then start _____ others.
- Jesus spent the first thirty years of His life _____ waiting until He could take on the role of a rabbi and start teaching His own disciples.

Ruth 3:14-18 So she lay at his feet until morning, and she arose before one could recognize another. Then he said, "Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor." 15 Also he said, "Bring the shawl that is on you and hold it." And when she held it, he measured six ephahs of barley, and laid it on her. Then she went into the city. 16 When she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "Is that you, my daughter?" Then she told her all that the man had done for her. 17 And she said, "These six ephahs of barley he gave me; for he said to me, 'Do not go empty-handed to your mother-in-law.'" 18 Then she said, "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day."

- Ruth was very patient and waited for the _____ plan to work.

1 Sam 25:32-35 Then David said to Abigail: "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! 33 And blessed is your advice and blessed are you, because you have kept me this day from coming to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand. 34 For indeed, as the Lord God of Israel lives, who has kept me back from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, surely by morning light no males would have been left to Nabal!" 35 So David received from her hand what she had brought him, and said to her, "Go up in peace to your house. See, I have heeded your voice and respected your person."

- David waited on God to kill _____.
- David waited on the Lord 15 years after he was _____ king before he became king.

Gen 41:1-13 Then it came to pass, at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh had a dream... Then the chief butler spoke to Pharaoh, saying: "I remember my faults this day. 10 When Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, both me and the chief baker, 11 we each had a dream in one night, he and I. Each of us dreamed according to the interpretation of his own dream. 12 Now there was a young Hebrew man with us there, a servant of the captain of the guard. And we told him, and he interpreted our dreams for us; to each man he interpreted according to his own dream. 13 And it came to pass, just as he interpreted for us, so it happened. He restored me to my office, and he hanged him."

Ps 105:16-19 Moreover He called for a famine in the land; He destroyed all the provision of bread. 17 He sent a man before them — Joseph — who was sold as a slave. 18 They hurt his feet with fetters, He was laid in irons. 19 Until the time that his word came to pass, The word of the Lord tested him. NKJV

- Joseph spent _____ years waiting for God to deliver him out of the prison.
- He spent over twenty years waiting until his dreams of his brothers bowing to him were fulfilled.
- Proper waiting _____ serving God.
- We must continue to _____ while we wait.

Rewards of Waiting

Isa 40:31 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.

- The Lord rewards those who wait with _____.
- Joseph was rewarded by being made a ruler over Egypt.
- David eventually became the _____ king in Israel's history.

- Ruth is taken care of by Boaz and makes her way into the genealogy of _____.

Ps 37:7-9 *Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret — it only causes harm. 9 For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the Lord, They shall inherit the earth.*

- The one who waits on the Lord has a peaceful and restful life.

Prov 20:22 *Do not say, "I will recompense evil"; Wait for the Lord, and He will save you.*

- _____ is reserved for those who wait for God to deliver them.

How we Wait

Ps 62:5-8 *My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God. Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.*

- We are to wait _____.

Ps 39:12 *I waited patiently for the Lord; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry. NKJV*

James 5:7-8 *Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. 8 You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. NKJV*
We are to wait _____.

Romans 8:23 *Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. 24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.*

We are to wait _____ with hope.

Practical Application

We are all actively waiting to go to heaven. Make a list of what God expects you to do while you wait. Read the verses in the bulletin on waiting and think about additional ways we wait on God and the benefits of waiting on Him.