

Learn to Wait



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- 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. 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.

Patience is difficult for us

- We are clock conscious
- We are always in a hurry – fast food, same day surgery, microwave meals
- Slow checkout lines, slow bank teller, slow car in front of us, slow train blocking the road
- **Admit it – We don't like to wait for anything.**

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- In the days of Noah
- God waits for us to believe and obey
- God waits for us to repent

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- **Jeremiah 14:22** Are there any among the idols of the nations that can cause rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Are You not He, O Lord our God? Therefore we will wait for You, Since You have made all these.

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- **Hosea 12:6** So you, by the help of your God, return; Observe mercy and justice, And wait on your God continually.

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- **Teach dependence**
- **Micah 7:7-8**
7 Therefore I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; My God will hear me. 8 Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; When I fall, I will arise; When I sit in darkness, The Lord will be a light to me.

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- **Wait = Patience**
- Word means – stay, trust, hope
- **Psalm 69:3** I am weary with my crying; My throat is dry; My eyes fail while I wait for my God.

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- **Wait = Patience**
- Word means – stay, trust, hope
- **THEN we can wait on God (serve)**
- Word means – look to needs of, serve, wait upon
- **Psalm 69:6** Let not those who wait for You, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed because of me; Let not those who seek You be confounded because of me, O God of Israel.

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- In patience we save our souls
(Luke 21:19)