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Wait – Pt 1 Christians wait on God by faith

Today we begin a new study on the topic of wait. In this teaching we search the Scriptures to establish what they say, and over four parts will cover the key points. In this study we establish – (1) Christians wait on God, (2) we wait through the Spirit, by faith, and (3) we wait continually, all day, until He has mercy upon us.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

1. God's children wait on Him, and His name

"Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day" (Ps.25:5), c.f. – Ps.52: 9 "I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done [it]: and I will wait on thy name; for it is good before thy saints".

2. We wait on God through the Holy Spirit by faith

"For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith" (Gal.5: 5).

3. We wait on God until God has mercy on upon us.

"Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters...so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us" (Ps.123: 2).

Illustration to help apply the teaching to our life.

The children of Israel cried out for the bondage that the Egyptians placed on them for 400 years they waited on God, trusting in Him to deliver them from under the hand of bondage. God heard their cries, looked on their affliction and brought them "forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm" (Deut.26: 6&7). When Moses went up Mt Horeb to get the law the children of Israel played, they did not wait on the Lord, they made a golden calf and worshipped it as if it were their god (Ex.32: 4-6).

Questions to think about.

- i) Why did Israel play and not wait when Moses went up the mountain?
- ii) Why do we wait on God ?

Our answers from the scriptures.

- i) Many in the fledgling nation of Israel were unable to wait on God, because a person can only do so through the Holy Spirit and by faith.

"But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness." (1 Cor.10: 5). Why? – "And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith".

- ii) We wait on God because –

*"Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he [is] our help and our shield" (Ps.33: 20).

* "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him" (Ps.62: 5).

*"Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defence" (Ps.59:9).

* They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel" (Ps.106: 13).

* "And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation" (Is.25: 9).

Let us, as God's children today – wait on God (until He has mercy on us) by faith, with all of our soul, and let us do so through the power of His Holy Spirit! Amen!