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Wait – Pt 2 A right attitude in times of waiting

This is part two of our topic – “wait”. In our previous study we established – (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. In this teaching we establish (1) while we wait for the Lord we rest in Him, (2) while we wait on the Lord we hope in His word, (3) while we wait for the Lord we are to fret not, and (4) while we wait on the Lord we keep His way.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

1. While we wait for the Lord we rest in Him

“Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him” (Ps.37: 7).

2. While we wait for the Lord we hope in his word

“I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope” (Ps.130: 5).

3. While we wait for the Lord we are to fret not thyself

“Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself...” (Ps.37: 7).

4. While we wait on the Lord we keep His way

“Wait on the Lord, and keep his way...” (Ps.37: 34).

Illustration to help apply the teaching to our life.

“And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made...And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them. And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer...” (1 Kgs 18:26, 28, 29).

Questions to think about.

i) What is our attitude whilst we wait on the Lord?

Our answers from the scriptures.

Wait with a good attitude, which includes–

* “be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart” (Ps.27:14).

* “And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee” (Ps.39:7).

* “And...this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation” (Is.25:9).

* be patient in tribulation (Rom.12: 12), and have patient continuance in well doing (Rom.2: 7).

* If you do well and suffer patiently this is acceptable with God (1 Pet.2: 20).

ii) Given that we wait through the Spirit – BY Faith (Gal.5: 5) our ability to wait on God with a right attitude is determined by how well we discern the leading of the Spirit, and the faith by which we live each day. But believers – “live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” – Gal.2: 20.

Let us wait on the Lord – so that **all** we do is focused on Him, that we rest in Him, fret not, keep His way and hope in Him while waiting. May we wait on the Lord with a right attitude – good courage, patient hope, gladness and joy, and keep His way!