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Wait – Pt 3 We wait for God – to move

This is part three of our topic – “wait”. In our previous study we established – (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. In this teaching we establish (1) we wait for God to move i) The Jews waited for the consolation of Israel, the kingdom of God, (2) we wait for God to speak and (3) wait for the promises of God to be fulfilled.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

1. We wait for God to move

* The Jews waited for the consolation of Israel

“And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel...” (Lk.2: 25).

* The Jews waited for the kingdom of God (Lk.23: 51).

* We wait for our strength to be renewed ” (Is.40: 31).

2. We wait for God to speak (His counsel)

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

He inclines unto us, and hears our cry – (Ps.40: 1). See also Mic 7:7

We wait for the Spirit to (i) guide us – (Acts 11: 12), open doors – (Acts 16: 7).

3. We wait for the promises of God to be fulfilled

* Those at Pentecost had waited for the promise of the Father

“And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me” (Acts 1: 4).

Illustration to help apply the teaching to our life.

If our sport is rugby – thats fine, but if we spend our Saturdays and Sundays, and every second night at the rugby club and then in another breath, say that we are waiting on God, we will never hear His voice, and we will never see the doors open.

Questions to think about.

What do we have to do in our times of waiting for God – to hear His counsel, and see the doors that He opens for us to walk through?

Our answers from the scriptures.

Wait in prayer – trust & continue in prayer– (1 Tim.5: 5), ask and seek His will – (Ps. 27: 4), put off the old man through prayer – (Eph 4: 22), put on the new man through prayer – (Eph.4: 24) and surrender your will for the Fathers’ – (Lk.22: 42).

Wait in the Holy scriptures – God guides us through His Holy Spirit (Jn.16: 13), read His word and mediate on the Holy scriptures (Ps.119: 148), we are sanctified by His word (Jn.17: 7 & Eph.5: 26).

Wait for God to open doors by His Holy Spirit –wait at His feet in stillness and quiet (1 Kg.19: 22).

Wait – live righteously – (Rom.12: 2), run with patience – (Heb.12: 1).

Remember, in your waiting for God to answer your prayers, to open and close doors – immerse yourself in His word, turn away from all distractions and wait at His feet walking uprightly before Him.