

Wait – Pt 4 & final – Consequences of waiting on God

This is our fourth and final part in our topic “wait”. In our previous study we established – (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. In this teaching we establish – (1) when we wait on God we are blessed, (2) when we sin & God chastises us the consequences of enduring, of waiting – we bear the peaceful fruit of righteousness, and (3) Christians wait for eternal life.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

1. When we wait on God we are blessed

“Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days” (Dan.12: 12).

2. When we sin God chastises us – the consequence of our enduring, our waiting is we bear the peaceable fruit of righteousness.

“If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons...Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness” (Heb 12:7, 11).

3. Christians wait for eternal life

“To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life” (Rom.2: 7).

Illustration to help apply the teaching to our life.

At work – each week the staff wait for Friday, each Monday they point out that their long anticipated two days off were not enough – not enough time to do what they wanted, spend their money on the lusts of their heart. Come Monday they release that their hopes during the time of waiting were never met.

Questions to think about.

- i) What is the difference between a heathen waiting, and a believer?
- ii) Why do so many Christian’s struggle with waiting?

Our answers from the scriptures.

i) The heathen waits in vain, whatever they wait for is not fulfilled, there is no hope in their waiting. The culmination of their waiting is death which is the ultimate consequence of their sin, their disobedience. They do not wait for death, because they are blind. And death has no joy, but only eternal torment in hell (2 Thes.1: 8 & 9) – being punished for their sin. Hence all their waiting is vain.

The Christian waits on God – the creator of the world, He richly blesses His children in heavenly places. The cumulation of their waiting is eternal life in heaven – eternal joy and happiness – worshipping the Lord!

ii) Christians struggle to wait, either because they do not have God’s inspired, perfect, pure preserved words (therefore little certainly over His promises, and so struggle to wait for His promises), OR Satan is attacking them!
But let us, trust in His precious deposit – His pure preserved words, and wait patiently for God to give us direction, wisdom, and rejoice when we are blessed for waiting, rejoice when we are chastised, which works patience, and wait patiently for His promise of eternal life with the Lord Jesus Christ and our Heavenly Father! Amen!