**Teach Me and Lead Me God**

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**Psalm 25:4-7**

**Sunday Morning**

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4 Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. 5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. 6 Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old. 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

**Whether you’re about to make a purchase or facing an emergency, the last thing you want to do is wait**

Saints, today having what we want immediately is almost the norm. What we once waited a month to receive is now available the same day.

Although this is very convenient, it has also led to a moral decline, including the actions of people who aren’t willing to wait for sex until marriage. Furthermore, it has resulted in the selfish conclusion that we should always get what we want right away.

Saints, God doesn’t work by this world’s standards. God says:

**Psalm 27:14**

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord.”

Saints, this command is given to us because God knows that it’s not easy for us to wait, especially if we’ve already had to do so for an extended period of time.

Listen Saints, God speaks often about waiting because it’s important and essential for every area of our lives—in our relationships, finances, physical life, and spiritual life. That’s why Scripture often admonishes us to wait for the Lord. It’s one of the key lessons in the Bible that we’d do well to learn

**Psalm 33:20-22**

“Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.”

Saints, so often we don’t see the value of waiting and prefer to get what we desire immediately. But God knows that sometimes we’re not ready to receive what we’ve requested, and some of the things we want are unwise or even physically, emotionally, or spiritually dangerous for us.

**Waiting on God is a Principle in His Word**

Saints,there are great advantages and protections for us in God’s delays. Some things become richer and more meaningful when we wait for them. Another benefit is that we avoid the consequences of impatiently running ahead of God.

**Isaiah 40:28-31**

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.

Saints, to become the person God wants us to be and accomplish what He desires, we must learn to wait upon Him. Instead of making decisions based on our limited understanding, we need to wait until God shows us what He would have us do. However, if we ignore the Lord, there is a price to pay.

**Psalm 25:3**

“None of those who wait for You will be ashamed.” If we obey God, we will not be ashamed because He works in our lives as we follow Jesus and depend on Him rather than jumping ahead”

**Psalm 37:9**

“For evildoers will be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord, they will inherit the land.”

Saints, God’s blessings come to us when we seek His guidance and obey. And since He is good and loves us, He will not forget our need.

However, we must not assume that if God hasn’t stopped us, then it’s fine to do as we desire. The wiser approach is to wait for Him to make His timing clear.

**What are Wrong Ways to Wait on God?**

**Impatiently**

Fussing at the Lord because He hasn’t Done Anything

**Nervously**

Being Anxious about the Outcome

**Complaining**

Grumbling at the Lord for His lack of Response

**Questioning**

Doubting that God’s Judgment is Right

**Frustrated**

Being annoyed because God isn’t working According to your Desires

**Irritated**

Becoming Aggravated by His Seeming Inactivity

**Miserable**

Feeling that God is Withholding Something from You

Saints, all these attitudes result from a failure to realize that God is good and generous, giving us much more than we deserve.

The fact that God is good means that He has no evil in Him, His intentions and motivations are always good, He always does what is right, and the outcome of His plan is always good.

**Genesis 50:19-21**

19 Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? 20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. 21 Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Saints, there is nothing unpleasant, evil, or dark in Him. The Bible teaches that God’s goodness extends from His nature to everything that He does.

**Psalm 119:68**

“You are good, and do good; Teach me Your statutes.”

**Psalm 100:5**

“For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.”

Because God is also wise and loving, He withholds those things that are not beneficial for us, that we’re not ready to handle, or that could become stumbling blocks in our walk with Him.

God’s goodness is seen in His plan to redeem us from sin. The gospel is

**“Good News.”**

Saints, in His goodness, God sent His Son to become the perfect and blameless sacrifice so we could be forgiven of our sins.

**2 Peter 3:9**

“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

and it is God’s goodness that leads us to repentance!

**Romans 2:4**

“Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?”

**How Should we Wait on the Lord?**

**1. Patiently**

**Psalm 40:1-3**

1 I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry. 2 He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps. 3 He has put a new song in my mouth--Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the LORD.

Saints, we can wait patiently for God if we understand that He is wiser than we are and that blessings follow obedience.

**2. Quietly**

**Psalm 62:5**

“My soul, wait in silence for God only, for my hope is from Him”

Instead of complaining, we should wait calmly for the Lord’s provision.

**3. Trusting**

Waiting isn’t passive resignation but active trust in God, which allows us to rest in Him and wait patiently.

Instead of fretting, we bring our requests to Him and trust that He will answer as a loving Father would—in the right way and time. We can trust Him to keep His Word and do what is best for us.

**Jeremiah 29:11**

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

**4. Expectantly**

**Psalm 27:13**

“I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living.”

Saints, after salvation, the Holy Spirit came to take up residence within us and give us guidance for life. Therefore, we can confidently expect that He will direct our paths and show us both the way and the timing.

**John 14:26**

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

For this reason, we should begin each day with the Lord in prayer and wait expectantly for Him to guide us through this sinful world.

**5. Courageously**

**Psalm 27:14**

 “Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord”

Waiting on God may require courage when we don’t understand why He is delaying His response.

**6. Standing on God’s Word**

**Psalm 130:5**

“I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, and in His word do I hope”

Saints, scripture is the foundation on which we stand as we watch for God to act according to His perfect timing and will. He has given us a promise:

**1 John 5:14-15**

1 “This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him”

**In Closing:**

**1. Look at the lists of right and wrong ways to wait for God. Which one more closely resembles your response?**

**2. How does your view of God influence your trust in Him and shape how you wait for Him?**

**Let's Pray!**

**Benediction**

**"May The LORD bless you and keep you, May The LORD make His face shine upon you, May The LORD be gracious to you, May The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you His (Shalom) peace." '**