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Reflections and Revelations... Waiting on God

What does waiting on the Lord mean? According to dictionary.com (n.d.), waiting refers to a pause or delay. The Blog of Logistics at MGCEPS at UPV (2017) claims Americans wait approximately 37 billion hours each year waiting in line somewhere. This number includes waiting at the doctor's office, security lines when travelling, waiting on your significant other when going out, waiting on hold for a customer service rep, traffic, and for a bus or train. Someone is always waiting on someone or something else.

In today's microwave, instant gratification society, everyone wants everything now. It is understandable why waiting on God can be challenging with this attitude. However, this is operating in the flesh and not walking in the spirit of God.

The Lord God wants us to seek Him in everything even the smallest tasks and decisions. Hearing from the Father clearly and understanding His direction takes practice. The Lord God says His sheep hear His voice, and He knows them, and they follow Him (John must be able to recognize when the Lord God opens **10:27)**. This requires spending real time in God's Word, meditating on it, and sitting quietly to receive instruction or revelation from Him.

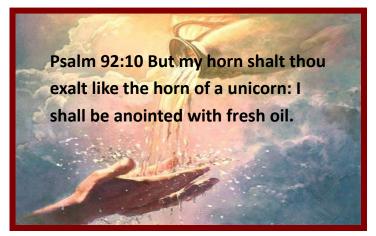
It also requires patience to not rush the Holy Spirit's move in our lives, and jumping ahead of God, imposing our will and not waiting and trusting in God for the open door or opportunity to manifest. A great example occurs when the Lord blessed Abram for his obedience with abundance, yet Abram wanted an heir to his house (Genesis 15:2). The Word of the Lord came to Abram he would have an heir that would come from his own body (Genesis 15:4). Later in **Genesis 16:4**, Sarah offers her handmaid Hagar to Abraham to bare his child. The result is today's

Middle Eastern conflict between Isaac (Israel and the Jews) and Ishmael (Arabs) (Arabic People, n.d.).

The Lord may speak a simple word in response to a prayer petition such as "Done"! That means the petition is granted, Halleluiah! He may speak a phrase in answer to a petition....This may require waiting. How long ... only the Lord knows. It could be a day, a month, or several months. It requires seeking Him for clarity and guidance, or just being still. The Lord wants us to trust Him and Psalm 46:10 reinforces this. God tells us to be still and know that He is God. He wants us to exalt Him, wait, and be obedient. The Lord could surprise us by responding through a bill board, or a word from a prophet, preacher, or minister. He may give us revelation in His Word.

Waiting on God requires spiritual stamina, trust in the Almighty, having knowledge of and in Christ, understanding that knowledge, and discerning and recognizing when the Lord is working in our lives. We the door for us, and obediently taking action.

He operates in a manner that we cannot understand, Isaiah 55:8 tells us God's thoughts are not like ours, His thoughts are higher than ours, and His ways are higher than ours.



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We operate on different wave lengths. The Lord operates in His own time not mans.

The Lord says in **Matthew 6:33** ...seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all ... things shall be added unto you. In **Proverbs 1:28**, the Lord shares how He loves those that love Him and those that seek Him early will find Him.

God will always be a constant in our lives. **Isaiah 40:31** states the Lord shall renew our strength; we shall mount up with wings as eagles; we shall run, and not be weary; and we shall walk, and not faint. Our Father will strengthen us and refresh us with His presence, even while we wait on Him. Halleluiah!

Waiting means to navigate the process, walk it out patiently. He will deliver us, answer prayer, and guide us in all we do. We must exercise faith, trust, and obedience. He will bless us for that obedience. Our Father will delight in us because we are the apple of His eye (Psalm 17:8). He will reward us by giving us a heart to know Him intimately as our Lord. We will be His people and He will be our God, and we will return unto Him our whole heart, mind, and spirit (Jeremiah 24:7).

Prayer

Father God please forgive me for being impatient and for not trusting in you and waiting on what you want for me in any situation. Lord, increase my faith and confidence in you.

Fill me with fresh oil and a fresh anointing, strengthening me in the coming year to navigate triumphantly, submitting to Your Will, my Lord God, and glorifying you in my every thought, word, and deed.

Help me to stay focused on always pleasing you Lord

God, so that I decrease and You increase in me and my life.

I am grateful for all You have already done, what You are going to do today, and what You are going to do tomorrow.

You are the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. You are the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

I exalt Your name and bless You my Father God.

My Lord God, I love and bless you with my whole heart, mind, and spirit. Thank You for never leaving or forsaking me.

You are my constant, my love, my God, and my life.

Holy are You my King of Kings!

Halleluiah and Amen!

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