

He's Worth The Wait

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Isa 25:6-9

⁶ And **in this mountain** shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a **feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.**

⁷ And he will **destroy** in this mountain the **face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations.**

⁸ He will **swallow up death in victory**; and the Lord God will **wipe away tears from off all faces**; and the **rebuke of his people** shall he **take away** from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it.

⁹ And it shall be said in that day, **Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.**

- We are living in a day of the favor of the Lord. He has done so much for each and every one of us. No one can truly say that God has not been good to them.
- He has been there many of the times that we were in trouble; He has delivered us from death; He has healed us from diseases; He has opened doors for us that we do not deserve; He has caused us to arise above many obstacles that were meant by Satan to take us out; and He has caused us to yet stand in the face of adversity.
- Even though we have experienced the goodness of God, trouble, trials, and tribulations are destined to find us. If nothing else, they

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are designed to aggravate our peace, to destroy our hope, and to diminish our faith.

- But, I am so glad that God invented wait. For, as we already know, He's worth the wait.
- To understand the text today, it's necessary that I give you the climate of the time of the text and give you a few principles that will help you in your time of waiting.
- Today, in the text, we learn of the corporate benefit of the nation that has waited on the Lord. Therefore, I believe that God is saying today, that we all shall benefit from this period of waiting.
- In the previous chapters of Isaiah God has given to Isaiah the judgment that He is bringing on all of the nations of the world. One, because of their wickedness and two, because of their mistreatment of Israel.
- Therefore, all of the enemies that judge you and trouble you, He shall deal with.
- Looking at the text, it's important to understand that Satan wants to encroach upon your place of blessings. He desires to inhabit your promised land.
- In **Isa 14:13**, it's reads: "*For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the **mount of the congregation**, in the sides of the north:*"
- There is a mount of favor that God has prepared for His people. This is the place that Satan desired to inhabit. He wanted to exalt his throne above all of the angelic hosts and take our seat in heavenly places.

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- But, thank God, in this place He will feed us choicest of provisions. He will swallow up the gloom of despair that has troubled us; the things you had to endure while you waited on Him.
- Even after you did everything right; you were prayerful; you fasted; consecrated yourself; gave tithe and offering; you praised and worshipped God; but, yet it seems as though your wealthy place was still yet occupied by the enemy.
- But, in the midst of everything, God required for you to continue to wait on Him. But, **He's worth the wait.**
- And, then when God steps in and His favor begins to flow down, then we will rejoice and proclaim 'This is the Lord; we have waited on Him.' And, when He delivers us, we will say, 'This is the Lord, our God; we waited on Him.' He has delivered us and brought us into a wealthy place.
- But, to help us to greater appreciate the virtue of waiting, allow me to give some principles of waiting that will work for your benefit.
- Waiting is the driving force of faith. If you can't wait, your faith has no proving ground to work on.
- Waiting is a time to test your joy. You should not stop rejoicing while waiting, but you should increase your rejoicing.
- Look at:

James 1:2-4

² My brethren, **count it all joy** when ye fall into **divers temptations**;

³ Knowing this, that **the trying of your faith worketh patience.**

⁴ But let **patience have her perfect work**, that ye may be **perfect and entire, wanting nothing.**

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- When faith is coupled with waiting, it produces patience. Patience is a display of confidence and trust in God.
- Peace in God allows patience to have its perfect work. It's difficult to wait with anxiety. Therefore, you must allow the peace of God and your confidence in His ability and His work to become your governing force.
- And, if you allow patience to have its perfect work, then you will not be lacking in anything. The problem that most of us have is that we simply don't want to wait and our lives are filled with too much anxiety.
- That anxiety leads to frustration; frustration is the lack of faith magnified; when faith is lacking, sin is soon to ensue. Paul writes in **Rom 14:23c**, "**...for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.**"
- In closing, to help you better understand that **He's worth the wait**, let's look briefly at:

Rom 5:1-5

5 Therefore being **justified by faith**, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ:

² By whom also **we have access by faith into this grace** wherein we stand, and **rejoice in hope of the glory of God**.

³ And not only so, but we **glory in tribulations** also: knowing that **tribulation worketh patience**;

⁴ And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

⁵ And **hope maketh not ashamed**; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

- Our faith in Jesus Christ justifies us. Faith causes us to wait for the full restoration of our souls until we are in complete peace with God.

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- Because I have faith, I am willing to wait until God does a complete work on me; I will pray as long as I have to pray; I will fast as long as I have to fast; I will do whatever I have to do until I am in total peace with God.
- And, when He shows up, I will know that **He's worth the wait.**
- Our faithful waiting on the Lord will lead us into the full grace of God that causes us to rejoice in anticipation of God's glory being revealed in us.
- That's why we glory in tribulation. Glorifying in tribulation means that we are looking good while we are waiting to be delivered. We are looking good because we have confident faith in God.
- And, while we are waiting, virtue is added to us in the form of patience, experience, and hope. And, that hope does not make us ashamed, because we know that **He's worth the wait.**