

Mt. Lebanon Church

Sermon

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Patience, the will to wait upon God

Psalm

Gods' divine guidance for mankind is that we should trust in him, keep his word, and wait upon him. It is very hard even as Christians to wait patiently on anything, including the Lord. This is because, often time, Gods timing feels to us to be very slow, but still, we must wait, putting our faith, hope and trust in him. Our ability to have confidence in God's work in our lives is an essential characteristic of our maturing faith.

God is patient, and therefore tries to teach us how to be patient also. As Christians, one of the first things we must learn is that God is not limited to time, and we, being a part of Gods family, we should not allow ourselves to be limited by time either. Remember, Gods perfect plan is always on time, and he has a reason for why we must wait. Waiting is a test of our faith, and often time, God works the most in our lives when we are waiting upon him, because it is at this time that we are waiting, he has our attention. So, what are we doing, while we are learning, that patience is the will of God to wait. If we are waiting with a worldly attitude we would become angry and upset, which leads to anxiety and stress, and also brings out those worldly characteristics of spitefulness and vengeance, but, as we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, those worldly emotions can be avoided as we labor while we wait. This means that we read, study, and meditate on God's word, we pray without ceasing, and we serve God to the best of our abilities in him, showing unto others what the goodness of Gods saving grace is all about.

This morning, we are going to the book of Psalm, and we are going to see what it means to have patience, and the will to wait upon the Lord.

Psalm 5: 3,....my voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord, in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up....

Starting at the very moment that we wake up; our thoughts should be immediately upon the Lord. Our time with God should be regular, it should be orderly, and it must be faithful. When we can undoubtedly say that God has heard our prayers, then and only then, can we with patience, eagerly watch, and willfully wait for an answer from him. We must remember that Gods timings do not always correspond with our eager expectations.

Psalm 25: 3 – 5,....let none that wait on thee be ashamed....show me thy ways, O Lord, teach me thy paths....lead me in thy truth....for thou art the God of my salvation, on thee do I wait all the day....

Patiently waiting only comes by learning the ways of the Lord. It is very crucial to our life as a believer to discover the path that God would have us to follow. This can only come through the word of God, which is an instruction manual to teach unto us his ways.

Psalm 119: 105,....thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path....

As we submit to the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will separate ourselves from the emotional status of the world, and we will put our trust in the capable hands of God.

Psalm 1: 1,....blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornfulness....

If we commit our way to the Lord, if we walk in the path that God has ordained for us, and if we trust in his word, then he will guide us with his promises and he will teach unto us his ways and his judgements.

Psalm 33: 20 – 22,....our soul waiteth for the Lord, he is our help and our shield....our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted his holy name....let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee....

Gods heavenly schedule will never match our worldly schedule. We prefer immediate answers, God teaches us to depend upon him through patience and trust. As we place our hope in him, then we know that he is faithful, and that there are no disappointments in his works. Our joy is based upon our trust in God. Increasing in the characteristics of God means increasing in the joy of the Lord. The promises of God's word will show unto us many reasons to be joyful, no matter what the circumstance that we may find ourselves in. Gods' lovingkindness toward us is consistent and will help us to accomplish his will in our life. These spiritual accomplishments will produce within us, faith, hope, and love, with the greatest of these being love.

Psalm 40: 1,....I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry....

What has the Lord provided for us personally? God carries out his plans and purposes for our life in his own way, and in his own time, which is to develop our faith in his word, and to strengthen our trust in his mercy and grace. Through his redemptive plan of salvation, he has promised unto us, by way of his word, that he will be an ever-present help in our times of sorrow and despair, which will guide us through all of life's circumstances for the good of all those that love him. His timing and his works in our life, will always be so that we do not begin to lose heart or become discouraged, so that we might have time for our faith to grow, and for our trust in his word to mature. Gods plans and purposes are perfect, and he will, when we seek first his righteousness, graciously provide all our needs, according to his riches in glory.

Psalm 104: 27,....these wait all upon thee, that thou mayest give them there meat in due season....

As believers, we desire the blessings of God. Obedience through his word teaches unto us that we should desire no more than what he sees fit to give unto us, and when God gives, we should be willing to gather that which he gives unto us, and we should not complain about it. Remember, God not only provides, but he also gives us the ability to labor for that which comes from him. We must depend upon God at all times, for it is the basis of our Christian life, therefore we should not only depend upon him, but we should share that quality of depending upon the Lord to others.

Psalm 130: 5,....I wait for the Lord, my soul doth want, and his word do I hope....

No one likes to patiently wait, but yet our life is filled with waiting. The key to waiting is not about focusing on the time that we are waiting, but it is about focusing on the promise of the hope of that which we are waiting for. Therefore, we wait in the hope of our salvation, not in the desperation or despair of the world. Our hope must not be based upon the emotional feelings of the circumstances in our life, but our hope must be based fully upon Gods word, and it is then that we will wait with great expectations without the worry of worldly time and matter. Yes, life is full of waiting, but when we have the will of God in our life to aid us in waiting patiently upon his will, then we soon understand that we will never be disappointed in Gods unfailing love.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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