

Wait on the Lord  
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*Isaiah 40:31 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.*

There are some the great “waits” in the Bible. Noah waited in the ark before the rains came, and again after the ark rested on Ararat. Abraham waited for Isaac for 25 years. Jacob waited for Rachel for seven years. Moses waited to lead Israel until he was 80 years old. Israel waited in the wilderness, wandered for 40 years, and died there. Today, we wait today for Jesus’ return.

As well, there are some great “waits” in our lives. These are things that we have asked God to intervene or act for us in regards to; they are things we have been told by God we have the right to ask for, and so we have. They include asking for the recovery in health we need – Jas. 5:14; for spiritual recovery in others – I Jno 5:16; for the right person in our life – Gen. 2:18; for the job we need – II Thes. 3:12; for spiritual growth – II Pet. 1:5-11.

So why does God make us wait? Why not simply give us what we ask for (since He said we could ask for these things) as soon as we ask? Perhaps we benefit from patience. A number of times we are told in Scripture that without patience, we will not make it to heaven (Hebrews 6:12; James 1:4; Romans 5:3-4). Simply stated, we need to learn patience, because we WILL have to wait on the Lord.

Perhaps God makes us wait because we need to learn value. We all know the problem of giving a teenager a brand new car as soon as they are able to drive. It fails to teach them the importance of the value of things. Jesus taught us that the kingdom of heaven is a pearl of great price that we ought to sacrifice all to have; if we do not learn its value by waiting on His time, how will we know to treasure it? Our great reward is cherished with cost.

Perhaps we wait because we are not ready. Moses attempted to lead Israel when he was 40 years old and failed (Acts 7:23-25). Neither Israel nor Moses were yet ready. Perhaps other things are not ready as well. Jesus had to wait to preach until He was 30 (Luke 3:23) to allow other things (i.e. John the Baptist, Luke 1:17) to get ready. Such is the case as to why God waited in the days of Noah or why God waits today to return (1 Peter 3:20, 2 Peter 3:8-9). Even if we’re ready, other things are not.

It is hard to Wait on Him, but in study we have found that there are very good reasons why we must. We need to learn things such as patience, understanding and value in order for all things to work for us.