

Waiting On God

Psa.25:1-7

- Determined Trust
- Genuine Prayer
- Build Lives
- Sincere Cry

Good morning!

The lesson is entitled, “**Waiting On** God”.
Which Implies, Living a Life of Communion with God.

Part of the prayer In Psalm chapter 25, Helps us to see the proper course...

- Which reads, “Unto Thee, O Lord, **DO I lift UP my SOUL.**

² O my God, I **TRUST** in Thee: let me **NOT** be ashamed,
let **NOT** mine enemies triumph over me.

³ Yea, let none that **WAIT** on Thee, be ashamed:
let them **BE** ashamed, which transgress without cause.

⁴ **SHEW** me Thy **WAYS**, O Lord; **TEACH** me Thy **PATHS.**

⁵ **LEAD** me in Thy **TRUTH**, and **TEACH** me:
for Thou art **The God of my SALVATION;**
ON Thee do I **WAIT** all the day.

⁶ Remember, O Lord, Thy **TENDER mercies** and Thy lovingkindnesses;
for **THEY** have been **EVER** of old.

⁷ Remember **NOT** the sins of my youth, **NOR** my transgressions:
according to Thy **MERCY**, remember Thou me, for Thy **GOODNESS’** sake, O Lord.” (that’s [Psa.25:1-7](#))

From this context, we should notice First,

I. **A Determined Trust IN God** ([vs.1-3](#))

A. **v1: Implies A Strong and Holy Desire to Cling to God.**

A commentary to Psa.25:1 might be [Psa.25:15a](#), which reads,

- “Mine eyes are ever **TOWARD** the Lord;”

B. From **v2: “MY GOD”, Implies Personal Trust;** **Emphasizing Humility, and Complete Dependence Upon God.**

- “The **TROUBLES** of my heart are **ENLARGED**:
O bring Thou me **OUT** of my **DISTRESSES.**” (reads [Psa.25:17](#))
- “the **SALVATION** of the righteous, is **OF** the **Lord**:
He is their **STRENGTH**, in the Time of **TROUBLE.**” ([Psa.37:39](#))

C. God Deserves our Constant Reverence and Love.

The Psalmist said in [Verse 3](#), of [Psalm chapter 25](#),

- ³ Yea, let none that **WAIT** on Thee be ashamed: let them **BE ashamed**, which transgress without cause.”

All humanity fails, So we should be covered with shame, as

- “**ALL** have **SINNED**, and come SHORT of the glory of God;” ([Rom.3:23](#))

But Praise God, as He is Merciful.

- “Who will have **ALL** men to be **SAVED**, and to **COME** unto the **KNOWLEDGE** of the **TRUTH**.” ([1Tim.2:4](#))

Jesus told Saul of Tarsus, who became the apostle Paul.

- “rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this **PURPOSE**, to make thee a minister and a witness, both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things, in the which I will appear unto thee; ¹⁷ delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, ¹⁸ to **OPEN** their eyes, and to **TURN** them from darkness **TO Light**, and from the power of Satan **UNTO God**, that they may receive **FORGIVENESS** of sins, and **INHERITANCE** among them which are sanctified by faith that is **IN Me** (that’s IN Christ).” ([Acts 26:16-18](#))

From [Versus 4-5](#), of [Psalm Chapter 25](#), we should notice,

II. A Deep Genuine Prayer For Guidance

- ⁴ **SHAW** me Thy **WAYS**, O Lord; **TEACH** me Thy **PATHS**.

From [Verse 4](#), we have

A. The Attitude of Self-Surrender:

A Humble Learner who is Willing, to Be Led and Be Taught of God .

Jesus said,

- “No man can come to Me, except the Father which hath sent Me, draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day (which is a reference to the coming Judgment).
⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all **TAUGHT** of God. Every man therefore, that hath **HEARD**, and hath **LEARNED** of the Father, **COMETH** unto Me.” ([Jn.6:44-45](#))

Concerning Saul of Tarsus, The Bible says,

- “he trembling and astonished said, Lord, **WHAT** wilt thou have me to **DO**?” ([Acts 9:6a](#))

Saul was told,

- “And now **WHY** tarriest thou (that is, why **WAIT**)? arise, and Be **BAPTIZED**, and **WASH AWAY** thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” ([Acts 22:16](#))
- “And immediately there fell from his eyes, as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was **BAPTIZED**.” ([Acts 9:18](#))

Some say they Want to be led of God,
but they can't do so, by clinging to the religious traditions of men ([Mk.7:7-9](#)).

The Bible says,

- “There is **A WAY** (that is, a singular way), which **SEEMETH** right unto a man, but the **END** thereof (that is, the consequences thereof), are the **WAYS** (Plural ways) of **DEATH**.” ([Prov.14:12](#))

There are many ways of Death,
but it only takes one of those ways, to get us where we don't want to go!

- Some “be blind leaders of the blind.
And if the blind lead the blind, both shall **FALL** into the ditch.” ([Matt.15:14](#))
- “O Lord, I know that the **WAY OF MAN**, is **NOT IN** himself:
it is **NOT IN** man that walketh, to direct his steps.” ([Jer.10:23](#))

We can be assured, if we Sincerely Commit our self to God, He Can Guide Us Through His Word.
Jesus prayed to the Father,

- “Sanctify them through Thy Truth: Thy Word IS Truth.” ([Jn.17:17](#))

From [Verse 5](#), of [Psalm Chapter 25](#), we find the Attitude of,

B. SERVICE: “Wait” does not always mean No Action, or Resting.

It Can Mean “Attend” or “Serve” (as a waiter);
It seems so, in this context.

Thought of Service, Implies Trust and Work.

- [Psa.123:2](#) reads, “Behold, **AS** the eyes of servants, **LOOK** unto the hand of their **MASTERS**, and **AS** the eyes of a maiden, **UNTO** the hand of her **MISTRESS**; so our eyes **WAIT** upon the Lord our God, until He have **MERCY** upon us.” ([Psa.123:2](#))
- “**WAIT** on the Lord: be of good **COURAGE**, and He shall **STRENGTHEN** thine heart: **WAIT**, I say, on the Lord.” ([Psa.27:14](#))

Christians are “WAITING On God”, so...

III. Let's Build Lives Around “Wait All The Day”

- “**LEAD** me in Thy **TRUTH**, and **TEACH** me:
for Thou art **The God** of my **SALVATION**;
ON Thee do I **WAIT** all the day.” ([Psa.25:5](#))

A. The Time of This Sanctified Service, is “ALL THE DAY (of our Life)”

- “I must work the **WORKS** of Him that sent Me, while it is **DAY**:
the night cometh, when **NO** man can **WORK**.” (Jesus said in [Jn.9:4](#))

Our Sanctified Service to God,
should be in **WORSHIP**, During times of **PROSPERITY**, times of **ADVERSITY**, during our **YOUTH**, and **OLD** age:
“**ALL DAY**” in every aspect of our lives: (24 Hours of the Day, 7 Days of the Week, 365 days out of the year).

The time of this sanctified service,

Might be during a dark day (not seeing what God is doing for us, during our times of trial)

- “The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may **DO ALL** the **WORDS** of this law.” ([Deut.29:29](#))
- “Let your conversation (that is, your conduct) be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will **NEVER** Leave thee, **NOR** Forsake thee.” ([Heb.13:5](#))

The time of this sanctified service,

Might be during a stormy day.

- “Man that is born of a woman, is of few days, and **FULL** of **TROUBLE**.” ([Job 14:1](#))
- “cast... all your care upon Him; for He **CARETH** for you.” ([1Pet.5:7](#))
- “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for **Thou** art **WITH** me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they **COMFORT** me.” ([Psa.23:4](#))

We should,

B. WAIT Upon, or Serve God with the Family

- “Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I **PRAY**, and cry aloud: and He shall **HEAR** my voice.” ([Psa.55:17](#))

We should,

C. WAIT or Serve with the church

- “and let us **CONSIDER** one another, to provoke unto **LOVE** and to **GOOD WORKS**:
²⁵ **NOT FORSAKING** the assembling of ourselves **TOGETHER**, as the manner of some is; but **EXHORTING** one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” ([Heb.10:24-25](#))
- “from whom the whole body, fitly joined **TOGETHER**, and **COMPACTED** by, that which every joint **SUPPLIETH**, according to the effectual **WORKING**, in the measure of every part, maketh **INCREASE** of the **BODY** (or church), unto the **EDIFYING** of **ITSELF** in **LOVE**.” ([Eph.4:16](#))
- “**SPEAKING** to yourselves **IN** psalms and hymns and **SPIRITUAL** songs, **SINGING** and making melody **IN** your heart, **TO** the Lord;” ([Eph.5:19](#))
- “**GIVE** unto the Lord, the **GLORY** due unto His **NAME**; **WORSHIP** the Lord, in the beauty of **HOLINESS**.” ([Psa.29:2](#))

We should,

D. WAIT or Serve, When...

We are **ALONE**, thinking on Righteous things, as the Bible says,

- “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are **TRUE**, whatsoever things are **HONEST**, whatsoever things are **JUST**, whatsoever things are **PURE**, whatsoever things are **LOVELY**, whatsoever things are of **GOOD REPORT**; if there be any **VIRTUE**, and if there be any **PRAISE**, **THINK on these things.**” ([Phil.4:8](#))

When **WORKING**, we should **SERVE** with our might, **AS** unto the Lord,

- As the Bible says, “**WHATSOEVER** ye **DO**, do it **HEARTILY**, **AS to the Lord**, and **NOT** unto men; ²⁴ knowing that **OF the Lord** ye shall **RECEIVE** the **REWARD** of the **INHERITANCE**: for ye **SERVE** the Lord Christ.” ([Col.3:23-24](#))
- “Whatsoever thy **HAND** findeth to **DO**, **DO** it with thy **MIGHT**; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.” ([Ecc.9:10](#))

When **EATING** Meals, Wait or Serve, by Giving Thanks unto the Lord, as...

- “Jesus took the **LOAVES**; and when He had **GIVEN THANKS**, He distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the **FISHES**, as much as they would.” ([Jn.6:11](#))

When **VISITING** or **HELPING** someone (deny self by serving the needs of others before Self).

- Pauls said, “Look **NOT** every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.” ([Phil.2:4](#))

E. WAIT, or Serve in Affection, for His Goodness:

- [Gen.15:1](#) reads, “the **WORD** of the Lord **CAME** unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear **NOT**, Abram: **I AM** thy **SHIELD**, and thy **EXCEEDING GREAT REWARD.**” ([Gen.15:1](#))

F. WAIT, or Serve In Hope, and Confidence

- “For **ALL** the **PROMISES** of God **IN Him** are yea, and **IN Him** Amen, unto the **GLORY** of God, by us.” ([2Cor.1:20](#))

G. WAIT or Serve, equals WALK in His WILL

- “**IF** ye **LOVE** Me, **KEEP** My commandments.” ([Jn.14:15](#))
- “Blessed are they that **DO** His commandments, that they may have **RIGHT** to the tree of **LIFE**, and may **ENTER** in, through the gates, into the city.” ([Rev.22:14](#))

The Bible says that, the priest Zacharias and his wife Elisabeth,

- “were both **RIGHTEOUS** before God, **WALKING** in **ALL** the commandments and ordinances of the Lord **BLAMELESS.**” ([Lk.1:6](#))

H. Motives for Waiting On, or Serving God

The graciousness of God:

- “The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and He delighteth in his way.
²⁴ Though he fall, he shall **NOT** be utterly cast down:
for **the Lord UPHOLDETH** him with **His Hand**.” ([Psa.37:23-24](#))
- “**The Lord** shall **PRESERVE** thy going out and thy coming in,
from this time forth, and even for evermore.” ([Psa.121:8](#))
- “We **LOVE** Him, because He First **LOVED** us.” ([1Jn.4:19](#))

What Great Peace and Comfort this brings to us!

- “**Great PEACE** have they, which **LOVE Thy law**.” ([Psa.119:165a](#))
- “**HAPPY** is the man that **FINDETH** wisdom, and the man that **GETTETH** understanding.

¹⁴ For the merchandise of it, is **BETTER** than the merchandise of silver,
and the **GAIN** thereof, than fine gold.

¹⁵ She is **MORE PRECIOUS** than rubies:
and all the things thou canst desire, are not to be compared unto her.

¹⁶ Length of days, is in her **RIGHT** hand; and in her **LEFT** hand, riches and honour.

¹⁷ Her ways, are ways of **PLEASANTNESS**, and all her paths, are **PEACE**.

¹⁸ She is a tree of life, to them that lay hold upon her:
and happy is every one that retaineth her.” ([Prov.3:13-18](#))

The Christian’s Reward has been Revealed.

- “Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: **be thou FAITHFUL unto death**, and **I will GIVE** thee a Crown of **LIFE**.” ([Rev.2:10](#))

• “He that hath an ear, let him **HEAR** what the Spirit saith unto the churches;
To him that OVERCOMETH, will **I GIVE** to eat of the **Tree of LIFE**,
which is **IN** the Midst of the **PARADISE** of God.” ([Rev.2:7](#))

- For we look “...for a city which hath foundations, whose Builder and Maker IS God.” ([Heb 11:10](#))

I. As we WAIT Upon God, Look on every day as our Last one:

...Not Anticipating that it is, but being Aware it Could Be.

- David said, “...truly as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth,
there is but a step between me and death.” ([1Sam.20:3](#))
- “whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life?
It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.” ([Jas.4:14](#))

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IV. Sincere Cry For His Unchangeable Mercy ([vs.6-7](#))

- ⁶ Remember, O Lord, Thy **TENDER mercies** and Thy **lovingkindnesses**; for **THEY** have been, **EVER** of old.

⁷ Remember **NOT** the sins of my youth, **NOR** my transgressions: according to Thy **MERCY**, remember Thou me, for Thy **GOODNESS'** sake, O Lord." ([Psa.25:6-7](#))

From [Verse 6](#), of [Psalm Chapter 25](#), we find

A. Pleasant Memories:

Mercies of the past, are Pledges of Mercies in the Future.

- "O give **THANKS** unto the Lord; for **He is GOOD**: for His **MERCY** endureth for ever.

² O give **THANKS** unto the **God, of gods**: for His **MERCY** endureth for ever.

³ O give **THANKS** to the **Lord, of lords**: for His **Mercy** endureth for ever.

⁴ To Him Who alone **Doeth GREAT WONDERS**: for His **MERCY** endureth for ever.

⁵ To Him that **by Wisdom, Made the Heavens**: for His **MERCY** endureth for ever.

⁶ To Him that **Stretched out the earth, above the waters**: for His **MERCY** endureth for ever.

⁷ To Him that **Made Great Lights**: for His **MERCY** endureth for ever:

⁸ **the Sun to Rule by Day**: for His **MERCY** endureth for ever:

⁹ **the Moon and Stars to RULE by Night**: for His **MERCY** endureth for ever. ([Psa.136:1-9](#))

²³ **Who Remembered us, in our Low Estate**: for His **MERCY** endureth for ever:

²⁴ **and hath Redeemed us, from our Enemies**: for His **MERCY** endureth for ever.

²⁵ **Who GIVETH food, to all flesh**: for His **MERCY** endureth for ever.

²⁶ O give **THANKS**, unto the **God of heaven**: for His **MERCY** endureth for ever." (reads [Psa.136:23-26](#))

From [Verse 7a](#), of [Psalm Chapter 25](#), we find

B. Painful Memories: We should have been Pure

- "Lay hands suddenly on no man, Neither be **PARTAKER** of other men's sins: **KEEP** thyself **PURE**." (reads [1Tim.5:22](#))

From [Verse 7b](#), of [Psalm Chapter 25](#), we find

C. Uplifting Hopes

Our sins may rise in waves, but **God is Merciful**,
Who is the **Only REFUGE**, offering SAFETY.

- “For mine iniquities, are gone over mine head:
as an heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.” ([Psa.38:4](#))
- “For thy name’s sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity;
for it is great.” ([Psa.25:11](#))
- “O keep my soul, and deliver me:
let me not be ashamed; for I put my **Trust IN Thee**.” ([Psa.25:20](#))

In-Conclusion

The Lesson for us: **SERVE God Thankfully**

- “Therefore **TURN** thou, to thy God:
KEEP mercy and judgment,
and **WAIT** on thy God, **CONTINUALLY**.” ([Hos.12:6](#))

Invite some to **SERVE** God, in penitence and faith,
and as the result, **FIND** pardon, peace, and eternal salvation.

If you have a spiritual **NEED**,
The Lord invites you, and we await to assist you...

COME without day,
By Hearing ([Rom.10:17](#)), **Believing** ([Jn.8:24](#); [Heb.11:6](#)),
Repenting ([Lk.13:3](#); [Acts 17:30](#)), **Confessing** ([Acts 8:37](#); [Rom.10:9-10](#)),
and **Be Baptized** INTO Christ ([Gal.3:26-27](#); [Rom.6:3-4](#); [1Pet.3:21](#); [Acts 22:16](#)).

...while together we stand and sing.

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