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Wait!

Scripture: Psalm 27:1-14

There is comfort in the realization that God's servants were human too. Even greater comfort comes from what we learn about God through the writings of individuals who share our human plight. We can discover and appropriate the great truths of God that serve to ensure our spiritual survival and enhance our productiveness in an ungodly world. Romans 15:4 tells us, *"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."*

We often run to God when we experience difficulties. If we seek God's presence every day, then when troubles come our way, we will be able and prepare to handle any test. **Do not be the person that calls on God only when troubles come.** Many of our problems could be avoided or handled far more easily by seeking God's help and direction beforehand. When we cry out to God, it must be without pretense. We must be acutely aware of our own human failings. The intervention of God would not be because of our own righteousness but strictly on the basis of God's grace. David says, *"Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I"* (Psalm 61:1-2).

In Luke 18:10-14 Jesus indicated the impossibility of being accepted by God without humility. God's holiness and perfection are incompatible with the imperfection of mankind. No person can receive God's favor unless he purges himself of pride and self-righteousness and approaches Him with a broken spirit. God wants to move in the life of every believer. His ability to move, however, is contingent on our brokenness before Him in prayer.

The presence of God should mean everything to us because it indicates **favor, protection, and power.** In the presence of God our whole perspective of life is changed. Hope replaces hopelessness; courage replaces fear; strength replaces weakness; joy replaces despair. When fully realized that when we enjoy God's hand of protection it's utterly impossible for our enemies to triumph over us. In Proverbs 18:10 Solomon wrote, *"The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe."* We have the privilege to know the name of God and to have the opportunity to find protection and power in and through that name.

Some of us are no novice when it comes to touching God. We are fully aware that making contact with God is the result of faith and perseverance. Moreover, we know that God will respond. The writer of the Book of Hebrews wrote in Hebrew 11:6, *"Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."* Faith does some important things for us; one thing that faith provides for us is the presence of a peaceful comfort that comes from God alone. In the midst of extreme temptation and spiritual battles, God is there to show Himself strong on our behalf. **People of God you must believe the Word is true or you will not survive against your enemies in times of great conflict.** Psalm 46:1 tells us, *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."*

The anointing of God enables us to do things that are beyond the capability of ordinary strength. *"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint"* (Isaiah 40:31). **One of the greatest secrets of having power with God is the willingness to wait—that is, to have patience.** James 1:3-4 reads, *"Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."* However, waiting on God is not easy. Often it seems that He isn't answering our prayers or doesn't understand the urgency of our situation. That kind of thinking implies that God is not in control or is not fair. But God is worth waiting for. Isaiah 40:27-31 calls us to wait because often God uses times of waiting to **refresh, renew, and teach** us. Make good use of your waiting times by discovering what God may be trying to teach you in this season.

The Word of God reveals reality in such a way as to greatly preserve and enhance the faith of a person who believes and obeys its precepts. When our faith is increased, the potential for our lives to glorify God is also increased. If we can perceive God as the loving heavenly Father who cares deeply for His children and whose desire it is to see them enjoy life to the fullest, then our faith receives life and direction. Through the Scriptures establishes the reality of God's love for His children in such a way as to be a profound source of strength and comfort. People of God, *"Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD"* (Psalm 27:14).

May you be blessed with these encouraging Words to Wait on God!