

Remembering to Wait

Recently the Supreme Court has rendered decisions that have burdened the hearts of God fearing people. The institution of marriage, the very social foundation of our nation, is being threatened by ungodly voices that are louder than any others. I have heard many who hunger and thirst after righteousness groan over the apparent triumph of evil over good. But Jesus assured us *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled."* Ok Lord we hear You, but when? When will the righteousness that we long for arrive?

The believers in the first century who were surrounded with ungodliness as we are had to be reminded to wait. The Apostle Peter admonished them with these words, *"This is my second letter to you, dear friends, and in both of them I have tried to stimulate your wholesome thinking and refresh your memory. I want you to remember what the holy prophets said long ago and what our Lord and Savior commanded through your apostles. Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. They will say, "What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created." They deliberately forget that God made the heavens by the word of His command, and He brought the earth out from the water and surrounded it with water. Then He used the water to destroy the ancient world with a mighty flood. And by the same word, the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire. They are being kept for the day of judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed. (2 Peter 3:1-7 NLT)*

Unfortunately, waiting is one of my least favorite things to do. Not only that I am not very good at it. It is imperative that I not only do so, but that I do so in a way that truly honors God. That will only happen as I wait, not with a feeling of dread, but of confident expectation of His righteous judgment. Here is a quote from The Christian's Secret of a Holy Life.

"I have been thinking for the last day or two about the justice of God, and it seems to me that this is after all almost a greater rest than the thought of His love. Faber says,

God's justice is a bed where we
Our anxious hearts may lay;
And, weary with ourselves, may sleep
Our discontent away.



Smith, H. W., & Dieter, M. E. (1997). The Christian's secret of a holy life: the unpublished personal writings of Hannah Whitall Smith. Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

After all, in Psalm 136 we are told that God Himself has remembered us! Spurgeon's comments elaborate on that fact

"Who remembered us in our low estate." Personal mercies awake the sweetest song—"he remembered us." Our prayer is, "Lord remember me," and this is our encouragement—he has remembered us. For the Lord even to think of us is a wealth of mercy. Ours was a sorry estate,—an estate of bankruptcy and mendicancy. Israel rested in its heritage, but we were still in bondage, groaning in captivity: the Lord seemed to have forgotten us, and left us in our sorrow; but it was not so for long: he turned again in his compassion, bethinking himself of his afflicted children. Our state was once so low as to be at hell's mouth; since then it has been low in poverty, bereavement, despondency, sickness, and heart-sorrow, and we fear, also, sinfully low in faith, and love, and every other grace; and yet the Lord has not forgotten us as a dead thing out of mind; but he has tenderly remembered us still. We thought ourselves too small and too worthless for his memory to burden itself about us, yet he remembered us.

Spurgeon, C. H. (2009). The treasury of David, Volume 6: Psalms 120-150 (p. 211). Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.

Not only has He remembered us but He has waited upon us as well. Isaiah said it this way, *"Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him."*
(Isaiah 30:18 NKJV)

And so as we listen to the news and hear of the ever increasing encroachment of our rights and the moral depravity that is becoming more and more evident around us, may we remember to wait. And may we wait not with despair but with increasing hope, knowing that Jesus is coming back to straighten all of this out!

But when all this is beginning to take place, grieve no longer. Lift up your heads, because your deliverance is drawing near." (Luke 21:28 WNT)