

Waited Patiently (What Would Happen to You if You Did This, as the Bible Says?)

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Following God's instructions and waiting patiently for the Lord is the recipe for happiness and success.

Scripture: Psalm 40:1

Topics: "Waiting On God", "Personal Relationship with God"

Description

Hans R. Waldvogel emphasizes the transformative power of waiting patiently on the Lord, as illustrated in Psalm 40. He reflects on how few truly follow God's counsel, likening it to baking a cake without a proper recipe. Waldvogel encourages believers to seek God personally and to dedicate time to prayer and reflection, asserting that true blessings come from a direct relationship with God. He warns against the distractions of the world and the flesh, urging listeners to embrace the call to a deeper spiritual life. Ultimately, he assures that waiting on the Lord leads to divine intervention and a solid foundation in faith.

Transcript

Selected Verses:

Psalm 40:1-2. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. 2He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

Psalm 18:6. In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

Opening:

Did you ever think of how very wonderfully rich your life will be when you do what the Bible says? There are very, very, very few people--at least within the reach of my knowledge--that do what the Bible says. I've always wondered about that. And so I said, "Well, I'm going to try it. I'm going to do what the Bible says." And while I certainly cannot claim anything for myself or any..., but I find out it works wonders. It works wonders.

You know, it's like in the natural life. When I was in Hamburg, I was trying to tell the people how to bake a cake. I had when I was a boy one time heard about it, and that's all. I hadn't read the recipe at all, I just

had it in my mind, and I was telling these Dutchmen how to bake a cake. I told them, "You take a pound of flour, and a pound of eggs, and a pound of salt, and a pound of sugar, a pound of baking powder, and the equivalent of a pound of water and milk, and then you mix it well, and then you bake it." Well, they laughed at me. Sure. And then they brought me a cake, but it wasn't made after my recipe. I don't know what would have come if it, as you can imagine. I just had that in my head.

And that's the way a lot of people try to please God--something they have in their head. "We all had our conversation in times past" "according to the course of this world"--things that are convenient. That's the way people live.

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[At 2:34, the recording 60B starts:]

Did you ever think of how very, very wonderfully God has provided for our happiness by giving us His own recipe--His own counsel. And He says, "They would none of my counsel. They didn't bother. I spoke, and they didn't hear. I stretched forth My hand, and no man regarded." My, this is wonderful that God stretches forth His hand to me and wants to lift me, and offers to lift me. And when I don't regard that outstretched hand of Jehovah, I have nobody to blame but myself if I don't get out of my slough.

And so tonight there was a suggestion made in a message that brought to my mind one of the recipes. Let me just briefly call your attention to it because it did wonders for my soul also. I'm going to read a few verses and see if you can guess where it is found. You scribes, you ought to know that by memory: "I waited patiently for the Lord."

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Selected Quotes:

Jesus Christ "had to suffer these things and enter into His glory" to "receive from the Father the power of the Holy Ghost" for you and for me. And now God is waiting for vessels--men and women whom He can fill with the power of the Holy Ghost. Where shall He find them? Well, He's got to make them first. He's got to cleanse them first. There is a wonderful work of the Holy Ghost that needs to be done before the Spirit of God can find in you a "vessel unto honor, sanctified and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work."

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Beloved, no matter what blessings you need, you've got to get them personally from God. You've got to get them alone. It's between you and your God. I know that God will use people to bless you, to encourage you, to encourage your faith. But after all, they're only prods that prod you on to get to God.

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We don't give God time. There's not enough time spent over the Bible to find out God's will. "Blessed are they that hear the word of God." "Oh, that My people had hearkened unto Me." "Hearken unto Me, my daughter. Forget thy kindred and thy father's house, and bow thine ear. So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty." Oh, that is the beauty the King sought when He came to this earth. He said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Here were people that needed God--that had nothing to offer but a heart that was empty.

"Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness. They shall be filled."

Have you ever thought of what will happen to you if you do what God tells you to do--if you follow a scripture like this: "I waited patiently for the Lord"?

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"He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder." And what is that reward? Why, it's God Himself. And so I spent a whole year at that time waiting upon the Lord. I had no time for anything else. You will not have time for anything else.

Beloved, here are eternal issues at stake, and David knew it. He had a kingdom to rule over, and he needed a king's heart, and he needed the grace of God to rule over people. And the Bible says of you and of me that "the least shall be like David." Don't you know that we're "receiving a Kingdom that cannot be moved"? Don't you know that we need "grace that we may serve God acceptably"? That means that God shall be pleased with my service, not I.

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But beloved, you and I have a call to "a kingdom that cannot be moved. "Fear not little flock. It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." Does that interest you? Why, the whole call of the Gospel is a call to "repent because the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. It means the reign of Christ, or the reign of the devil--one or the other! And what a dreadful thing to be a Christian and not to be under the control of the Holy Ghost fully! "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are sons of God."

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"Youth shall faint and be weary, and young men shall utterly fall." Do you know that? That means you and me! You'll never stand! Beloved, we're in a world full of enemies. The Bible says, "We wrestle not with flesh and blood." Most have already cast aside their weapons; they've never "put on the whole armor of God;" they're already licked. The devil moves in their hearts. Sin is eating their vitals. They're defiled. Their garments are defiled. But I'm talking about those that "go forth to meet the Bridegroom."

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What you do with this message will somehow determine what God will do with you tomorrow. How many times we have heard these things! Beloved, I have been in meetings, I suppose a thousand times. I've been with young men that would be convicted--that would hear the message. They never do it, never--preachers! Preachers never do it! They'll loaf around town rather than spend a day or two days or a week at the feet of Jesus.

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Why are we in this meeting? Beloved, I'm giving you a recipe out of God's cookbook: "I waited patiently for the Lord." Now it might be good for somebody here, when you get your vacation, spend your two weeks waiting upon the Lord. Hire a cottage somewhere in the mountains where you can be alone; get away somewhere. Get away somewhere and get to God, and walk up and down in that cottage and call on the Lord for all that you're worth, and God will come to you. And it'll make a difference throughout the ages of eternity in your life. It will. It'll change you. When God honors a man, I tell you, that honor remains

throughout eternity. And when Jesus Christ produces fruit in your life...

But there's no danger that anybody will take this recipe, or take this advice--positively, there is no danger. The flesh is too big. The devil is too smart. Your flesh has grown mountain-high. Beloved, it will, unless you really give God a chance and "wait upon the Lord" in real earnest and in real faith.

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"I waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined unto me." Oh, when God inclines to you, son, something will happen to you. "And He heard my cry. He brought me up." When God brings you up "out of the horrible pit, out of the miry clay..." Don't you know that's where you're stuck? I knew it. Oh, this self-life: you can paint it, and you can educate it, and you can heap all the honors of this earth upon it, and it'll only sink deeper into the mire and into the mud. But "He brought me up, and He set my feet upon a rock." Praise the Lord! "And He established my going." And now, I "walk no more like other Gentiles walk in the vanity of my mind, having the understanding darkened" by "the god of this world." But now, I "walk in the law of the Lord," and in the Spirit of God, thank God!

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Illustrations:

Joseph Wannemacher an example in seeking the Lord. "Time and again, he'd spend a week or two weeks fasting and praying. ... It wasn't long before he had conquered Milwaukee. He was like a pillar of fire in that city." (from 20:59)

German at 7:28:

Kreislaufstörung -- "circulatory disturbance" or "circulatory disorders"

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