

## Waiting On God Series: 2

### God's Order

#### **Psalm 27.14**

“Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!”

We began a teaching series last week on the subject of Waiting on God. This follows on from the series we looked at recently on God's Presence with Man.

We saw last Wednesday how we need set our priorities right. Waiting on God is our number one priority, because in waiting

- we strengthen ourselves in God
- we get God confidence, which reinforces our faith
- we hear from God
- we learn the ways of God
- we are raised up and delivered out of our troubles

The term waiting on God does not mean that we are doing nothing while God performs something for us as though we're waiting for God to catch up with us. We saw last week that it can mean to rest or stay in expectation and patience. But we also saw that it can mean to attend to, to perform, to look watchfully, to be ready to obey or serve - such as a waiter would attend to and serve the clients in a restaurant.

This means we spend time in the presence of God attending to Him, serving and ministering to Him – this is not time that is rushed, yes we rest and remain in Him but that resting involves us doing something.

We are going to develop this theme a little more, but first let us see what God's order is.

God created us to work from the inside out – that is from our spirit and heart outwards

“On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.” John 7.37-39

“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.” Luke 6.45

That means that if our heart is in a disordered state we can expect nothing but turmoil to come to the surface. Our heart is made right by waiting on the Lord and responding to the things the Holy Spirit convicts us of. David prayed that the Lord would not restrict him from His presence

“Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden *part* You will make me to know wisdom.... Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me *by Your generous Spirit.*”  
Psalm 51. 6, 10-12

The Proverbs tell us to guard our hearts, to guard the spirit because it is from these that all the various parts of our life emanate.

“Keep *and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life.*” Proverbs 4.23 (Amp)

No matter what is happening around us we should know Him so well that we go on in Him and need nothing else in order to stand. Nothing should be able to shake us or move us or cause us to fail or give up.

“*[For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope]*” Philippians 3.10

We can only do this by offering ourselves to God and allow Him to change us through waiting on Him, so that we become more Christ-like. The Holy Spirit will lead us and direct us in the ways of the Lord as we wait on Him.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.* And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*” Romans 12.1-2

Waiting on God is not an option, neither is it just the domain of the more spiritually minded or preachers/ministers – it is an essential part of every believers life.

It is also worth noting that waiting on God isn't unproductive – it may appear to be so from the external - it is reinforcing the foundations upon which our life is built and established

As we wait on Him we are being transformed in our spirit and renewed in our mind.

The instruction of Jesus was to seek Him first in every area and all the things that are associated with life would come in their rightful place and order

“But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you *besides.*” Matthew 6.33 (Amp)

When we meet with God and give Him the room He needs in our lives, He pours in all the strength and power we need. We receive all the wisdom and insight that is necessary, and the faith that moves mountains. Our priorities will be ordered rightly and our love for God and others will grow.

Once we meet with God personally, he will get the creases out of our life, straighten us up, and make us effective for Him. He will lead and guide us as we yield to His Spirit working in and through us.

We saw recently that in the fire of God's presence our lives are heated as God purifies and refines us, then we are moulded and shaped into what God needs and intends us to be.