

Sermon ~ Sunday, September 26, 2021

Text: Psalm 27: 14    “Wait on The LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on The LORD.”

Title: “Wait!”

Wait, vb., qavah, (kaw-vaw), meaning, look eagerly for; hope expectantly, that is actively waiting; not just lying around waiting for...

- “When you are going through something hard and wonder where **GOD** is, remember, **The TEACHER** is always quiet during a test!”
- “**GOD** has perfect timing; never early, never late. It takes a little patience and Faith, but it is worth the wait.”
- “Giving up on your purpose because of one setback, is like slashing your other 3 tires because you got a flat.”
- “**GOD** want give you more than you can handle (bare)!”

David, wrote this “song” before he was anointed, King of Israel... This means he wrote it while exiled from home and being hunted by King Saul and his men...

This “song” reveals that David was in great danger...

--from violent evil doers – Vs. 2, “When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came up(on) me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.”

--from those who lied on him – Vs. 12, “Deliver me not over to the will of my enemies: false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.”

--from those who wanted to kill him – Vss. 2, 12...

But David was confident,

--Vs. 3, “Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.”

--Vs. 14, “courageous” ... ““Wait on **The LORD**: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on **The LORD**.”

--Vs. 1, “unafraid” ... **The LORD** is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? **The LORD** is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

Pointers,

\*One victory does not guarantee that the enemy will stop attacking...

\*Be as watchful *after* the victory as *before* the battle...

\*Be Prayerful of 1.) **GOD’S Presence**, 2.) **GOD’S Path** and, 3.) **GOD’S Protection**

*Be Prayerful* ... our petitions will be better if we first praise **The LORD** as David did...

Vs. 7, “Hear, **O LORD**, when I cry [to **THEE**] with my voice; have mercy on me, and answer me.”

Hear me **O, LORD**... answer me... and do so in *mercy*... Crying for *Mercy* is the way to get good hearing from **GOD** – *Merit* will not get the hearing that *mercy* does...

### Be Prayerful of GOD'S Presence...

--Vss. 8-10... Vs. 8, "When **THOU** saidst, Seek ye **MY** face; my heart said unto **THEE**, **THY face**, **LORD**, will I seek. Vs. 9, "Hide not **THY face** far from me... leave me not, neither forsake me... Vs. 10, "When my father and my mother forsake, then **The LORD** will take me up."

David is teaching, *Be prayerful of GOD'S Presence...*

--*Be consecrated* – "**THY face**, **LORD**, will I seek..."

--*Be concern* – "Hide not **THY face** far from me... leave me not, neither forsake me..."

--*Be confident* – "When my father and my mother forsake me, then **The LORD** will take me up..."

### Be Prayerful of GOD'S Path...

--Vs. 11, "Teach me **THY way**, **O LORD**, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies."

How can we *stumble* and *fall*, when you know and walk in **The Way of GOD ...?**

Note the "pedaqogy" (ped-a-go-gy) in the Prayer... "Teach me **THY Way...**" Most schools do not include this in their curriculum. **GOD WHO is The Way; WHO knows The Way; WHO leads The Way ...**

Note the "purity" in the Prayer... "Lead me in a *plain* Path..." *Plain* means "up(right), level, straight..."

Note the "purpose" in the Prayer... "because of mine enemies." Enemies are always "*watching*" to "*detect*" any "*deviation*" in our walk. When he sees our "*sin*" they use that to blame us before **our LORD...**

### Be Prayerful of GOD'S Protection... Vss. 12-14

--Vs. 12, "Deliver me" ... Pray for **The LORD'S Help!!!**

Three causes for **The LORD'S deliverance...**

1. *Words...* Vs. 12, "False witnesses are risen up against me..." *Words* do hurt, especially false accusations...
2. *Wounds...* Vs. 12, "...such as breathe out cruelty..." Cruel... painful wounds...
3. *Weakness...* Vs. 13, "*I had fainted*, unless I had believed..." attacks weaken us... troubles overwhelm us... But we must be "confident", "...unless I had believed" ... You are not really praying, if there is **no Faith in GOD...** Prayer is **Faith in GOD!** Prayer is confidence that **GOD** will see you through...

Note the Counsel after Praying... Vs. 14, "**Wait** on **The LORD**: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: **wait**, I say, on **The LORD.**"

First, be patience – "**Wait** on **The LORD** . . . **Wait**, I say, on **The LORD.**"

**GOD'S** time is the best time... (We have to *wait* on the seed to get the crop... *we must wait* on *sex*, or you ruin normal growth... if we don't *wait* in the circumstance, on **GOD**, life will be nothing but circles... *Waiting*, is hard on the flesh but it demonstrates **Faith in GOD...**

Second, be *plucky* – adj. meaning, spirited, brave... "Be of good (**GOD**) courage" ...

We can *pluck out* unwanted hairs... *unwanted* feathers... *pluck* a head, but it still won't think right... but when *troubles abound* – **Only GOD...** when affliction come – **Only GOD...**

When your enemies overwhelm you – **Only GOD...**

Third, **GOD** is the power – “And **HE shall** strengthen thine heart...” Have visited Calvary and **The Cross of JESUS** lately... One Friday evening, they nailed **JESUS** to that Cross—**Wait**; from the sixth to the ninth hour, **JESUS** hung bleed and died—**Wait**; a Black man by the name of Joseph of Arimathea, took **JESUS’ Body** off that Cross, wrapped **HIM** in grave-clothed and laid **HIS** dead Body in tomb, and rolled a Stone over the opening—**Wait**; **JESUS** though dead, laid there Friday Night, all Day Saturday—**Wait**; BUT early Sunday morning... **GOD** moves in Glory... **JESUS** was raised from the dead—**Wait**; **HE** ascended into Glory, and *is* seated on **GOD’S Right Hand**, with ALL Power, in Heaven and on Earth—**Wait**... **JESUS** Coming Again!!!