

Waiting upon the Lord

Isaiah 40:28-31 Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall utterly fail. 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.

- a) These passages reveal how God gives power to the weak and how He increase strength to them that have no might. How does God give power to the faint and increase strength to those that have no might? Through our waiting. Shocked? Simply waiting.
- b) As we wait upon the LORD, strength is released in our lives.
 - i) Waiting upon the Lord causes a renewal of strength. Waiting is not talking about sitting there with no activity but rather having our attention and focus is on Him ready to minister to Him.
 - ii) Those who do not wait upon the LORD even though they are young in age, and are not prone to fainting and getting weary, they shall utterly fall, faint, and get weary.
 - iii) Do you lack strength? Wait upon the Lord. Do you want not to faint? Wait upon **the Lord.**

Ministering

Matthew 20:26 and 28, these passages use the words “minister” while talking about the chief among the brethren ought to be their servant. When I looked up these words, they come from a Greek word which is translated “minister” that means “*to be an attendant, that is, wait upon* (Strong’s Concordance).”

- a) This then reveals that **ministering is to wait—waiting upon the Lord**. In the same sense, waiting upon the Lord is ministering to the Lord. If we are ministering to the Lord, we are waiting upon Him.

Believing

Psalms 27:13 *“I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.”*

- a) If we do not want to faint, we want to believe. Notice that Isaiah 40: 28-31 further reveals that if we do not want to faint, we need to wait upon the LORD for renewal of strength.
- b) Waiting upon the Lord is or involves believing and trusting God. Those who do not believe, like those who do not wait upon the LORD will faint, will be strength less, and weary. Their eyes have not been on the Lord.

Looking

Psalms 123:2 *Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, Until that he have mercy upon us.*

- a) Our eyes wait upon the LORD. Eyes must be upon the Lord if we are to wait upon Him. We can’t be occupied with other things.
- b) Waiting upon the LORD is looking (focus & eyes on the Lord) upon the LORD for any signal or direction from Him. So, if we are not looking unto the Lord, we are not waiting upon Him nor are we relying, depending on, and trusting Him.
- c) If we miss hearing the LORD or His instruction, we have not been waiting on Him. If our eyes are on the LORD, we are waiting on Him and our strength shall be renewed.

d) Waiting involves keeping our eyes (focus) upon the Lord—for direction, signal, and ministry. As we wait and minister to Him, we receive strength.

Micah 7:7 Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

Isaiah 45:22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

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