

WAITING ON GOD

Psalm 13:1, KJV

How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever?

How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

Psalm 69:3, NLT

I am exhausted from crying for help; my throat is parched. My eyes are swollen with weeping, waiting for my God to help me.

Habakkuk 1:2, NIV

How long, O LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen?

James 5:7-11, NIV

7 Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains.

James 5:7-11, NIV

8 You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

James 5:7-11, NIV

9 Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

James 5:7-11, NIV

10 Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

James 5:7-11, NIV

11 As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Three Things God Uses to Teach Us to Wait

1. Uncontrollable Circumstances

James 5:7, NIV

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is.

2. Unchangeable People

James 5:10, NIV

Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

3. Unexplainable Problems

James 5:11, NIV

You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about.

Three Promises to Hang on to When Waiting on God

1. God Rewards Patience

James 5:11, NKJV

As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered.

James 5:12, NLT

God blesses the people who patiently endure testing. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

2. God is Working Things Out

James 5:11, NIV

You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about.

Job 42:10, NLT

When Job prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes. In fact, the Lord gave him twice as much as before!

Job 42:12, NLT

So the Lord blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in the beginning. For now he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 teams of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys.

Job 42:13, NLT

He also gave Job seven more sons and three more daughters.

Job 42:16-17, NLT

16 Job lived 140 years after that, living to see four generations of his children and grandchildren. 17 Then he died, an old man who had lived a long, full life.

3. God is in Control

Isaiah 45:6-7, NLT

I am the Lord, and there is no other. I create the light and make the darkness. I send good times and bad times. I, the Lord, am the one who does these things.

Isaiah 45:9, NLT

“What sorrow awaits those who argue with their Creator. Does a clay pot argue with its maker? Does the clay dispute with the one who shapes it, saying, ‘Stop, you’re doing it wrong!’ Does the pot exclaim, ‘How clumsy can you be?’

Isaiah 45:11, NLT

This is what the Lord says—the Holy One of Israel and your Creator: “Do you question what I do for my children? Do you give me orders about the work of my hands?

Isaiah 45:12, NLT

I am the one who made the earth and created people to live on it. With my hands I stretched out the heavens. All the stars are at my command.

Isaiah 40:12, NLT

Who else has held the oceans in his hand? Who has measured off the heavens with his fingers? Who else knows the weight of the earth or has weighed out the mountains and the hills?

Isaiah 40:13, NLT

Who is able to advise the Spirit of the LORD? Who knows enough to be his teacher or counselor?

Isaiah 40:14-15, NLT

14 Has the LORD ever needed anyone's advice? Does he need instruction about what is good or what is best? 15 No, for all the nations of the world are nothing in comparison with him.

Three Attitudes to Have While Waiting on God

1. Wait Expectantly

Psalms 130:5, AMP

I wait for the Lord, I expectantly wait, and in His word do I hope.

2. Wait Quietly

Lamentations 3:26, NIV

It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

3. Wait Confidently

Micah 7:7, NLT

As for me, I look to the Lord for help. I wait confidently for God to save me, and my God will certainly hear me.