



The Benefits of Waiting on the Lord

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." Psalm 27:14 (KJV)

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In this scripture a benefit of waiting on the Lord is His promise to strengthen our heart. So often when we are in painful situations that last a long time, our heart grows weary. Satan constantly tries to fill our mind with doubt and unbelief about God's faithfulness toward us. Satan wants us to distrust God and to take the situation into our own hands. Why does he do this? Because he knows that when we are weary of waiting on God to help us, and we make decisions apart from God, we will make wrong decisions!

There have been times in my life when I did not wait on the Lord. In my pain and my pride, I took matters into my own hands. I decided to handle the situation my way. My way always turned out wrong. I did more harm than good, and the consequences of my actions brought more pain into my life. However, every time I trusted and waited on the Lord no matter how painful the situation or how long it took, God's ways were always best.

I believe the most important lesson I have learned over the years is instead of focusing on "when will this bad situation be over," or "when will the pain stop," I have learned: (1) to draw closer to Jesus; (2) to look for His blessings in the midst of my pain; (3) to ask Him to enable me to go through my suffering, tests, and trials in a way that glorifies Him; (4) to ask the Holy Spirit to empower me to praise the Lord and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in my life; (5) to ask the Lord to build His character in me; and (6) to pray for my brothers and sisters in Christ who are also suffering.

Over the years, Psalm 62:5–8 (KJV) has been a great help to me. It reads, *"My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us."* As I would obey this scripture and wait on the Lord, I would reap the wonderful benefits of experiencing Him to be my immovable Rock. He would hold my emotions steady in the worst of life's storms; He would defend me from my enemies; and He would strengthen me daily.

No matter what time of the night or day, I could pour out my heart to Him. Beloved, His AMAZING GRACE was always sufficient for all of my needs. Whatever tests, trials, and suffering that you are experiencing today, can I encourage you? Wait on the Lord. Trust Him. He will not fail you. Above all, do not take your situation into your own hands because I have experienced this, and it has always made things worse.

May I speak to the nonbeliever today? Today would be a good day to put your trust in the Lord. You cannot handle your situations by yourself. Jesus Christ died for your sin to forgive you of your sin and to give you hope and a future. You will reap great benefits if you wait on the Lord.

*With a goal to glorify Jesus Christ
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