

**Sunday School Lesson for the Month of June 2020**  
**(Wednesday Night Bible Study Guide)**

**A Plea for Patience**

(Psalms 37:1-11)

**(Sunday, June 7, 2020)**

“*Wait on the Lord*” is the theme of this Psalm. In verse 7, the Psalmist says, “Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him.”

“*Wait*” he says! The hardest, most tedious, most exacting, and sometimes the most exasperating work in the world is waiting. But waiting on the Lord has its rewards. The bitterest waiting in the world is that which is in vain. But waiting on the Lord is never in vain; we have His Word on it [vs.3-4]. If we need anything today, it is patience. Patience to wait on God!

**(Sunday, June 14, 2020)**

**I. What is meant by “waiting on the Lord?”**

**A. Negatively, some things are not meant.**

- This does not mean letting the Lord wait on us.
- This does not mean that we are to be idle

Millions are waiting for a better world; a warless world; a crimeless world.

**B. Positively, certain elements are involved in waiting on the Lord.**

- We must have the ability to endure until God’s time comes. Some people do not wait on anything. They are impatient and can’t wait.
- We must submit to God’s plan. In the prophecy of Habakkuk, we find these subline words; “O Lord, revive thy work” (3:2) – When? In the Prophet’s own time? NO! In God’s own good time! All Christians should pray for revival. Do we have the grace to Pray Habakkuk’s prayer?
- We must have the faith to believe that God has a plan and that He is working it out. If we have faith in God’s way, His purposes, and His promises – we can wait!

**(Sunday, June 21, 2020)**

**II. Why should we wait on the Lord?**

- A. Because, unless we do, we will find ourselves out of step with God and out of harmony with His will. The Prophet Jonah ran in three directions: He ran away from God - he ran with God and he ran ahead of God. To his disappointment, the Revival in Nineveh was a success. From the highest to the lowest, everyone repented. From a safe place, Jonah waited to watch Nineveh be destroyed. When it wasn't destroyed, he became angry. God rebuked him sharply. Jonah had run ahead of God. We do that as well! We make our plans and then implore the Lord to bless our plans with success instead of first seeking His will that we might work His purpose.
- B. Because, unless we do, we will defeat ourselves by our own impatience. If the sin of procrastination has slain its thousands, the sin of impatience has slain its ten thousand. Some have thought to analyze the motives of Judas Iscariot in betraying His Master by suggesting that Judas was impatient and thought Jesus' methods were too slow. Judas hoped by his act to precipitate a crisis, it would force Jesus to use His great power.
- C. Because only HE can bring it to pass. Great purposes in this world, great programs of righteousness, even great crises are not carried out ahead of God. Nor are they carried out apart from God, but they are carried out by His power. The words of the Prophet Zechariah are both warming and an urge to courage. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." (Zechariah 4:6)

Before Pentecost, the disciples had a commission to carry out. A program to carry on. And a Lord to proclaim. But they also had a command to obey, "tarry ye in the City, until ye be clothed with power from on high." (Luke 24:49) Jesus was saying, "wait - wait on the Lord!" And they did. How glorious was the result?

**(Sunday, June 28, 2020)**

**III. What are the rewards for waiting on the Lord?**

The great saints of all the ages have been those who had the grace, the faith, and the patience to wait on the Lord. What rewards may we expect? Psalms 37 names three:

- A. Provision! The simplest comes first. Provision is necessary. It has been promised. The Psalmist says, “I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread” [vs 25]. Verse 9 tells us, “those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.”
- B. Protection! This is hard to believe sometimes, but the Psalmist says, “depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore. For the Lord loveth judgement, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved forever” [vs. 27-28].
- C. Perfection! This may be better stated as “maturity.” The Psalmist begins his benediction by saying, “mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of this man is peace” [vs. 37].

May God give us the grace and the faith to wait on Him and, until He acts, to do the best we know for Him. “And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him” [vs. 40].