

Wait on the Lord Study Questions

Psalm 25:5 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Psalm 27:14 Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Psalm 37:7 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

Psalm 130:5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His Word I hope.

Waiting on the Lord is a Biblical theme that calls us to look to God for the timing of events in our lives as well as for His deliverance, His vengeance on another, and even His judgment of the wicked.

Often we want to move ahead of God and take action without considering His word, His leading, or His timing. God has made many promises to us in His Word. However, God doesn't say that He will respond to our demands to have what He promised when *we* want it.

Because of God's sovereignty, we can know that His timing of events, as well as the events themselves, will always be for our good and His glory if we wait on Him. Let's look at what the Bible says about waiting on the Lord.

As you begin, will you stop and ask God to teach you where in your life you need to be waiting for Him?

1. A. What experience do you have of waiting for God and seeing His solution to a problem or answer to a prayer?

B. In hindsight, can you see a blessing from waiting?

2. Read Psalm 37:7-9

A. What do these verses tell us *not* to do, as we wait for the Lord?

B. What do these verses say will be the reward for those who do wait for the Lord?

3. In Psalm 130:1-5, what is the Psalmist waiting for God to give him?

4. Read 1 Samuel 13:8-12

A. What action did Saul take when Samuel did not show up on time? (Verse 9)

B. In verses 11 and 12, what reason did he give for doing it? Who did he rely on to make the decision to offer the sacrifice?

C. In verse 13, what did Samuel say Saul had done (or not done) wrong?

D. According to verses 13-14, what were the consequences of his actions?

5. What, if any, command has God given you that you are not following? What excuse are you using to justify the sin?

6. Have there been, or do you expect there will be, consequences for not following God's commands?

7. Read 1 John 1:9-10.

A. What did Saul fail to do?

B. Do you think that Saul's consequences would have been different if he had confessed and repented? Explain. Offer other verses if you can.

God commanded that David was to be anointed as King of Israel by the Prophet Samuel. It would be about 13 years before David was actually serving as King. In those years King Saul considered David a threat to his throne and pursued him mercilessly to kill him.

8. Read 1 Samuel 24:1-15.

A. Why does David say that he spared Saul's life in verse 1 Samuel 24:10?

B. According to verse 12, who was David waiting for to carry out his revenge?

9. Read Psalm 57, noting that David wrote it when he was hiding from Saul.

A. Where does David say that he finds his refuge?

B. In Psalm 57:7-9, what does David do to remind himself that God is with him and will deliver him?

10. A. How has God shown you His steadfast love as you have had to wait for Him?

B. What are you waiting for God to do for you now? Is there someone who has wronged you on whom you would like to take revenge? Are you waiting for God to deliver you from unforgiveness? Are you waiting for a child to be saved or to return from rebellion? Do you need economic or material provision? How can you trust God and His timing as David expressed in this Psalm?

11. Look up the following verses and write down what they teach us about patience.

A. Proverbs 20:22
