



Summertime
in the
Psalms

WHAT
ARE YOU
WAITING FOR?

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This phrase is normally used as a motivational phrase to get us off our backsides and get to work

But sometimes we don't know what to do, or maybe there is nothing to be done

Often, we are just stuck

Sometimes we get frustrated wondering where God is and wondering if he is ever going to show up, and if he is, what is taking him so long



WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

It is important to realize in those moments that we are not alone, that God sees and cares, and is at work even when we can't see it

We find waiting for anything difficult

Our unwillingness to wait means we attempt to do things ourselves and end up messing it up or at least doing things the hard way

We find waiting for God especially difficult

But God has a right time for things, and His timing is perfect





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WAITING FOR GOD

Psalm 40



REALIZE WHAT WAITING LOOKS LIKE

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.

v. 1-3

He is looking back on a time when he was looking for God to act and He did



REALIZE WHAT WAITING LOOKS LIKE

What Man Does:

Cry Out Wait Patiently

What God Does:

He Hears He Rescues He Establishes

God does more than save us **FROM** evil. He saves us **FOR** the good that He has for us



HE RESTORES



REALIZE WHAT WAITING LOOKS LIKE

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

v. 4

Trusting Others (The Proud)

Trusting Yourself (The Sinful)

Either way – whether out of anxiety or anger we need to realize that this is how most people fall into sin and ultimately though, this is how sin ensnares us.





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**REALIZE
WHO GOD IS
Psalm 40:5 - 12**

A GOD WHO DOES GREAT THINGS (V. 5)

When we find ourselves stuck in life, we will renew our confidence to wait on God if we will remember the great things God has done for us and for others

Sometimes, though, simply reminding ourselves of the past instances of God's faithfulness will renew our confidence in him to act in the present



A GOD WHO DELIGHTS IN RELATIONSHIP (V. 6-8)

Not only has God done great things, but He also delights in being in relationship with us

God doesn't want us to go through the motions of religious ceremonies

He isn't some distant and angry God who needs to be appeased and attracted with the perfect bribe

He is a personal and relational God who wants to "open our ears" to hear His word and be in relationship with Him



A GOD WHO DELIGHTS IN RELATIONSHIP (V. 6-8)

Of course, hearing means following and is why the next few verses mention taking joy in doing the will of God and treasuring His word contained in the Scriptures.



A GOD WHO CALLS US TO WITNESS (V. 9-10)

When God does great things for us, he calls us to proclaim it

If remembering is telling yourself, witnessing is telling others

This is what “*giving God glory*” means

Our Purpose is to give glory to God by meeting people where they are, sharing Jesus with them in a meaningful way, and encouraging them to live in a growing relationship with Him.



A GOD WHO CALLS US TO WITNESS (V. 9-10)

Giving glory to God means giving Him the credit for the great things He has done

It is showing other people what happens when you trust God with your life

It is giving other people evidence that God does what He promises and is worth waiting on



A GOD WHO NEVER WEARIES (V. 11-12)

Right here in the middle of the psalm, the psalmist reveals that he is in trouble again and needs help

He even says that his problems are a result of his own sin: “my iniquities have overtaken me.”

He draws near with confidence to a God who is compassionate and faithful

He isn't trying to excuse his sinful behavior and take advantage of a gullible God



A GOD WHO NEVER WEARIES (V. 11-12)

He is confessing his sin and relying on a God who never tires of showing us compassion and mercy. As the saying goes “God has more mercy that you have mess.”





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Psalm 40:12 - 17

REALIZE WHO YOU ARE (V. 12-17)

Unless we see ourselves correctly, we will have a hard time seeing others or God correctly either

Probably one of the most important statements in the Bible of the nature of man is contained in v. 17:
“Since I am afflicted and needy...”

True fulfillment begins when we have come to the end of our rope and acknowledge our inadequacies and realize that we need to wait on God





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