

“Why Wait on God?”
Waiting on God– Part 1
Lamentations 3:17-26, Exodus 32
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Waiting on God is...

1. **Entrusting our lives, those we love and situations into God’s hands and care.**
2. **Not shirking our responsibility to be faithful.**

Why should we wait on God?

**Reason 1 Because He is loving, compassionate and faithful.
(Lamentations 3:21-23)**

“Look up and see the great God upon His throne. He is love—an unceasing and inexpressible desire to communicate His own goodness and blessedness to all His creatures. He longs and delights to bless. He has inconceivably glorious purposes concerning every one of His children, by the power of His Holy Spirit, to reveal in them His love and power. He waits with all the longings of a father’s heart. He waits that He may be gracious unto you.”

Andrew Murray, *Waiting on God*, Whitaker House, 1983, p. 88.

**Reason 2 Because He is able to be our portion.
(Lamentations 3:24)**

“The giver is more than the gift; God is more than the blessing.
And, our being kept waiting on Him is the only way for our
learning to find our life and joy *in Himself*.”

Andrew Murray, *Waiting on God*, Whitaker House, 1983, p. 89.

“At our first entrance into the school of waiting upon God, the heart is mainly set on the blessings which we wait for. God graciously uses our need and desire for help to educate us for something higher than we were thinking of. We were seeking gifts; He the Giver, longs to give Himself and to satisfy the soul with His goodness. It is just for this reason that He often withholds the gifts, and that the time of waiting is made so long. He is constantly seeking to win the heart of His child for Himself. He wishes that we would not only say, when He bestows the gift, How good is God! But that long before it comes, and even if it never comes, we should all the time be experiencing: *It is good* that a man should wait. ‘The Lord *is good* to them that wait for Him.’

What a blessed life the life of waiting then becomes, the continual worship of faith, adoring and trusting His goodness. As the soul learns its secret, every act or exercise of waiting becomes just a quiet entering into the goodness of God, to let it do its blessed work and satisfy our every need.”

Andrew Murray, *Waiting on God*, Whitaker House, 1983,
pp. 103-104.

Reason 3 Because He is good to those who wait on Him. (Lamentations 3:25, 26)

“Waiting for God is not easy. Often it seems that he isn’t answering our prayers or doesn’t understand the urgency of our situation. That kind of thinking implies that God is not in control or is not fair. But God is worth waiting for. Lamentations 3:24-26 calls us to hope in and wait for the Lord because often God uses waiting to refresh, renew, and teach us. Make good use of your waiting times by discovering what God may be trying to teach you in them.”

Life Application Study Bible, Tyndale House and Zondervan, 1991, p. 930.

“How strange that, though we should so often have experienced it, we are yet so slow to learn that this blessed waiting must and can be the very breath of our life—a continuous resting in God’s presence and His love, and unceasing yielding to ourselves for Him to perfect his work in us. Let us once again listen and mediate, until our heart says with new conviction: ‘Blessed are they that wait for Him!’”

Andrew Murray, *Waiting on God*, Whitaker House, 1983, p. 95.

“Do believe that in waiting on God, His greatness and your littleness suit and meet each other most wonderfully. Just bow in emptiness and poverty and utter weakness, in humility and meekness, and surrender to His will before His great glory, and be still. As you wait on Him, God draws near. He will reveal Himself as the God who will mightily fulfill His every promise. And, let your heart continually take up the song: ‘Blessed are all they that wait for Him.’”

Andrew Murray, *Waiting on God*, Whitaker House, 1983, p. 98.

“Dear Christian, begin to see that waiting is not one among a number of Christian virtues, to be thought of from time to time. But, it expresses that disposition which lies at the very root of the Christian life. It gives a higher value and a new power to our prayer and worship, to our faith and surrender, because it links us, in unalterable dependence, to God Himself. And, it gives us the unbroken enjoyment of the goodness of God: ‘The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him.’”

Andrew Murray, *Waiting on God*, Whitaker House, 1983, pp. 104-105.

Reason 4 Because when we try to take situations into our own hands, it's harmful and destructive. (Exodus 32)

“Things go terribly wrong when we try to assume control of our lives and those around us. For one, we sentence ourselves to a heavy load—we call it the weight of the world—that God never intended for us to carry. Running our world is too much for us, no matter how hard we try. To try to be God—something I find I am really bad at—without having the wisdom and power of God is a ridiculous proposition, a daunting task. Attempting to orchestrate the world around us, even for a day, leaves us stressed and spent.”

Louie Giglio, *I am Not but I Know I Am*, Multnomah Publishers, Sisters Oregon, 2005, pp. 77-78.