

NSD Notes

For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. (1 Cor. 9:19)
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Services

- Bible Study 10 a.m.
- Morning Service.....11 a.m.
- Evening Service.....6 p.m.
- Wednesday Meeting.....7 p.m.

News @ NSD

- **Martha Holloway** – leg is still sore but she is improving.
- **Dema’s** sister-in-law – bone cancer is not as extensive as feared. Please continue to pray for her.
- **Jason Henderson** – keep him in your prayers.
- **Scott Shaw’s** dad, Tommy – battling liver cancer.
- **Marie Adams** – knees are doing better with new medication.
- **Jeanne Lynne** – facing more surgeries.

Sunday Morning Class

Psalms

Wednesday Night Class

Character Studies: Daniel

My Soul Waits For The Lord

Roy Davidson

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning -- Yes, more than those who watch for the morning. (Psalm 130:5-6)

What does it mean to wait for the Lord?

To wait means to be alert to something expected or anticipated. To wait for a bus means that we have decided not to walk, but to use public transportation. We *must* wait, because the bus has not yet arrived. We wait patiently because we have looked at the timetable and *believe* that the bus will come. We also know that when the bus *does* arrive, we must be waiting at the right stop.

Sometimes we become impatient. We think, "That bus is not coming!" So we leave the bus stop and start walking. Suddenly the bus zooms by. It does not stop, of course, because there is no bus stop there. Through impatience, we missed our chance.

To wait for the Lord means to continually look to Him for assistance and salvation, to be satisfied that God will work everything out.

If you were lost in a forest at night, you would be waiting, even longing for the morning light. Our souls should be waiting and longing for the help that only God can give.

"For since the beginning of the world men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him" (Isaiah 64:4).

We wait for God continually:

"To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in You; let me not be ashamed; let not my enemies triumph over me. Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause. Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day" (Psalm 25:1-5).

We have courage to face the difficulties of live because we look to God for the help He has promised:

"I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord!" (Psalm 27:13-14).



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All are welcome to our worship
and study meetings!

... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Col 3:16

Blessed is the man You choose
And cause to approach You,
That he may dwell in Your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness
Of Your house,
Of Your holy temple.

By awesome deeds in righteousness
You will answer us,
O God of our salvation,
You who are the confidence
Of all the ends of the earth,
And of the far-off seas;

Who established the mountains
By His strength,
Being clothed with power;
You who still the noise of the seas,
The noise of their waves,
And the tumult of the peoples.

Psalm 65:4-7

Dear Savior of my soul
When I see dawn's early light
I recognize Thy might
Dear Savior of my soul

Dear Savior of my soul
I do pray this day I'll be
Acceptable to Thee
Dear Savior of my soul

R. J. Stevens

[Restoration & Righteousness]

Because we wait on God for justice and judgment, we do not allow ourselves to become excessively agitated about evil people:

"Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; do not fret -- it only causes harm. For evildoers shall be cut off; but those who wait on the Lord, they shall inherit the earth" (Psalm 37:7-9).

"Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it" (Psalm 37:34).

Even in the greatest of difficulties, we may wait for God's help:

"I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me, and heard my cry. He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps" (Psalm 40:1-2).

Here David is probably speaking of difficulties resulting from sin. For our salvation we wait for God. Who else can help us?

"My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved" (Psalm 62:5-6).

We wait on God for salvation from death:

"He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; the rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken. And it will be said in that day: 'Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation" (Isaiah 25:8-9).

If we are not waiting for God, then He is waiting for us! He is waiting for use to repent so we can wait for Him:

"Therefore the Lord will wait, that He may be gracious to you; and therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him" (Isaiah 30:18).

Do not keep God waiting! If you are not yet a Christian, repent, turn to God, believe in His Son Jesus Christ, whom God sent as Savior. Confess your faith and be baptized into His body, the church, that your sins can be forgiven. If you are a Christian who does not sufficiently wait for the Lord, and that applies to us all, look to Him for sustenance and salvation from day to day and forever.

"He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:29-31).

Let us wait for the Lord.

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