Wait on the Lord Pastor's Desk – August 25, 2019



Isaiah 30:18 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.

There are several illustrations of this Divine method in the Word of God. For example, the Angel at the Jabbok-ford waited until Jacob was entirely exhausted by his wrestling. And then, as his helpless antagonist clung to Him for support, He spoke His mystic name and blessed him there.

Our Lord waited till the Syrophoenician woman fell helpless at His feet, with the cry: "Lord, help me!" that He might grant to her the boon she craved for her child. From Heaven He pursued the same method, waiting to be gracious till the apostles and others in the upper room had reached such a condition that He could give them their Pentecost. Waiting till the little group of disciples had exhausted every other expedient, that He might release to them Peter from his prison. Waiting till Paul had renounced all creative energy, that He might make him strong in His mighty power, while He whispered: "My grace is sufficient for thee; My strength is made perfect in weakness.

Too often we have misinterpreted God's dealings with us. When He has tarried beyond the Jordan, in spite of our pleas that He should hasten to save Lazarus, we have concluded that He was strangely neglectful. But, He was waiting, till we had come to the end of ourselves, and the way was clear for Him to work a more astounding miracle than we had ever dared to hope.

God's delays are not denials; they are neither neglectful nor unkind. He is waiting with a watchful eye for the precise moment to strike. When He gives blessings, it will flood us with blessings so royal, so plenteous, and so divine, that eternity will be too short to emit all our praises! Praise be to our God!

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