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"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Classes* 10:00 AM

AM Worship 10:45 AM

PM Worship 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes* 7:00 PM

(* Bible Classes for All Ages)

Today's Sermons:

AM: Sleepwalking

*PM: The Silent 400
Years*

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Waiting on the Lord

Gary Henry

*"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 40:31)*

VERY FEW CONCEPTS ARE MORE IMPORTANT IN OUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH THAN THAT OF "WAITING ON THE LORD." But what does it mean to "wait on the Lord"? If it involves any real "waiting," most of us would find that a difficult thing to do, given our insistence on immediate gratification in all our endeavors. Whatever it may involve, "waiting" doesn't sound good to us.

In truth, "waiting on the Lord" does mean more than merely waiting ("remaining in a state of expectation"). We

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can speak of a servant “waiting” on his master, and that aspect of waiting is certainly included in our relationship to God. We are at His beck and call, at His service. Our job is to wait until He needs us, and then spring into action at His command. Young Samuel had the right idea: *“Speak, Lord, for your servant hears”* (1 Samuel 3:9).

But although waiting on the Lord involves more than mere waiting, it does not involve less. Reverence often requires us to wait patiently until He deems that the time is right for certain things to happen. Since He sees matters from a more complete perspective than we, and since He must take many more things into account than we, it is often the case that His timetable is different than ours. He may not act as quickly as we wish, and at such times we must be content to WAIT on the Lord, knowing that He will make all things beautiful . . . IN HIS TIME! We would do well to take Guerric of Igny’s advice: “Have courage and give God time.”

But if it is DIFFICULT for us to wait, there is also a sense in which it can be JOYOUS. You may not see anything good about yearning for what you desperately need but do not presently have, but I suggest that the idea of JOYFUL YEARNING is one that can pay great dividends in life. Indeed, anticipation is a big part of the wholesome enjoyment of anything. So whenever it is necessary to wait on the Lord, can we not do so with joy and love and thanksgiving?

“Let me discover the pleasure of anticipation. Give me what it takes to wait without complaining. Show me that there is more faith in waiting for what is unseen than in believing what is in front of my eyes”
Bernard Bangley

Each His Own Burden, His Own Grief Gary Henry

“When there is famine in the land, pestilence or blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers; when their enemies besiege them in the land of their cities; whatever plague or whatever sickness there is; whatever prayer, whatever supplication is made by anyone, or by all Your people Israel, when each one knows his own burden and his own grief, and spreads out his hands to this temple: then hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know ...”
2 Chronicles 6:28-30

In his prayer at the dedication of the temple, Solomon prayed that God would hear the prayers of each individual who was in need. *“When each one knows his own burden and his own grief, and spreads out his hands to this temple: then hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive.”*

It is certainly true that each person “*knows his own burden and his own grief*.” To live in this world is to know the pain of struggle and sorrow — there is no way around it. So we can take it for granted that every person we encounter is struggling. We may not know the particulars, but it’s a safe bet that every person we meet is hurting. Each of us has his own burden, his own grief.

And our burdens and griefs really are unique. Unlike happiness, which is often very similar from person to person, sorrow tends to be a more individual thing. Yes, we know that others have suffered in similar ways (many have suffered more than we), but there is still

a distinct and undeniable LONELINESS that comes with our burdens and our griefs. Since our circumstances vary so greatly, there is rarely another human being who understands exactly what we feel. And the longer we live, the more we realize that the unique burden we have to bear is INTENDED for us. No one else should have to bear it. It is ours. And while we must avoid the self-pity and the self-righteousness of the “martyr-spirit,” it can’t be denied that our suffering is a burden that we alone must bear. As Sir Thomas Fuller put it, “Every heart has its own ache.”

Yet if each of us has his own burden and his own grief, it is also true that our tears are those that God is able to wipe away. He understands our experience completely, and that knowledge ought to be both humbling and comforting: we are humbled to know that He has suffered far more than we, and we are comforted to know that by His suffering He has defeated our enemy.

*“Earth has no sorrow that
heaven cannot heal”*
Thomas Moore

Letting the Lord Decide
Gary Henry

*“Our Father in heaven, hallowed
be Your name. Your kingdom
come. Your will be done on earth
as it is in heaven”*
Matthew 6:9,10

If our intent is to seek God, then we must learn how to seek His will. We all have a tendency to think that we’re seeking God when what we’re really seeking is His ratification of our own will. It takes more than a little spiritual growth to be able to pray with integrity, “Your will be done.”

Whatever specific requests we make of our Lord ought to be made with great reverence and humility. It is true that we are encouraged to come to God with the confidence that comes from love (Matthew 7:7-11), but in our love for God we must not forget to love His WISDOM. Letting the Lord decide what is best should not be something we do reluctantly or grudgingly. If we’re thinking as we should about God, we’ll REJOICE and REVEL in whatever His will is, knowing that the accomplishment of His purposes will result in ends that are not only wiser, but ultimately more JOYFUL than any our own desires would have produced. If our reverence for God is real, however, we’ll show that reverence by yielding to His will in every instance, whether what happens next seems to be joyful or not. When faced with choices between good, better, and best, sincere seekers make these choices by deferring to God. “*Lean not on your own understanding*” (Proverbs 3:5), the wise man said.

So the purpose of our praying should be to put ourselves in the Lord’s hands and trust His judgment. Yet He has taught us to ask Him for what we think we need. He has promised to grant our requests when they don’t interfere with His larger purposes. And when the Lord does yield to what we ask, He does more than merely say “yes.” He not only gives what we ask, He gives a better version of the thing than we had envisioned. Did Mary not find this out at the wedding feast in Cana (John 2:1-12)? It is as Elizabeth Barrett Browning said in the “Sonnets from the Portuguese”: “*God’s gifts put man’s best dreams to shame.*” J. K. Maclean said it well: “*If our petitions are in accordance with His will, and if we seek His glory in the asking, the answers will come in ways that will astonish us and fill our hearts with songs of thanksgiving.*”

*“O Lord, you know what is best
for me. Let this or that be done, as
you please. What you will, how
much you will, and when you will”*
Thomas a Kempis

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Harold Marshall
Announcements	Ed Roberts
Song Leader	Ken Prager
Scripture	Daniel 11:31-45
Reader	Nathan Marshall
Prayer	Chuck Isinghood
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Don Coen, Jr.
Fruit of the Vine	Harold Marshall-
Serve	Terry Smith
Serve	Blake Headen
Closing Prayer	Don Coen, Sr.

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

Sunday PM

Announcements	Ed Roberts
Song Leader	Nathan Marshall
Scripture	Daniel 12
Reader	Dan Marton
1st Prayer	Ken Prager
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Don Coen, Sr.
Closing Prayer	Earl Miller

Wednesday

Announcements	Ed Roberts
Class Prayer	Dave Harless
Song Leader	Tim Henderson
Invitation	Nathan Marshall
Closing Prayer	Don Coen, Sr.

News N Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

Traveling:

- Terry & Lora Smith, Dorothy Lancaster & Joy Isinghood

Recovering:

- Marie Roberts
- Ann Rudolph

Prayer Requests:

- Merl Frey
- Zeda Goddard, also her sons, Dallas and Terry, and her daughter Tammy Garrison
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, as he continues to deal with cancer treatments.
- Cary and Grace Lancaster
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Alfred & Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Monty & Dora Wallace, Charissa Wallace's parents
- Corey Williams, an 18 year old friend of Tim & Anna Henderson diagnosed with cancer which has spread into his lymph nodes and will begin radiation treatments in a week.

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Nursing Home:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

At Home:

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

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