

Waiting on God, Not Man

Confidence in God's timing and help when our own resources are not enough

The Godly Man Course - Lesson 10 | Waiting on God

FUNCTIONAL DEFINITION OF WAITING UPON GOD

Waiting upon God is exercising confidence in God's timing and help during difficult times - confidence in God, not in my own resources.

A) Why God Makes Us Wait

- Waiting periods often strip away resources, answers, and direction. We feel confused, poor, broken, and limited.
- God uses these pauses to renew, strengthen, humble, and refocus us on Himself.
- Waiting protects us, deepens our trust, forces us to seek God's ways, and brings Him glory.

B) Waiting and Planning

- Waiting on God does not mean refusing to plan. Isaiah 29-32 contrasts plans hidden from God with plans that seek and accept His will.
- The right question is not "How can I control this?" but "What does God want, and how can I faithfully act in His timing?"
- Our response to stress reveals the degree to which we actually trust and depend upon God.

C) Waiting in Real Decisions

- Ministry: Samuel had to learn not to be distracted by outward appearance; God has different standards and cares about the heart.
- Marriage: Genesis 6 warns against choosing only by outward beauty and immediate desire while ignoring godly heritage and spiritual purpose.
- Betrayal: Psalm 55 provides a path through treachery - admit the pain, confess the misery, accept the loss, pray to God, and praise the Lord.
- Revenge belongs to God. Waiting protects us from carrying a burden we were not designed to bear.

D) Waiting for Christ's Return

- The Christian is called to live as one whose final home and hope are not here.
- At Christ's return, God will bring justice, remove sin and rebellion, complete His saving work, and reveal the Lord in His glory.
- Waiting for Christ reorders present priorities: earthly concerns become secondary to faithfulness before Him.

Personal Reflections

- Describe a season when you had to wait because you lacked resources, answers, or direction.
- What self-confidence is God exposing through your present circumstances?
- What decision do you need to place under God's timing rather than force by your own resources?

Study Questions

1. Why do we often feel inadequate and confused during seasons of waiting?

2. What three lessons did God teach Samuel about selecting the right man for ministry?

3. What was faulty about the way wives were chosen in Genesis 6:1-3?

4. What are the five steps given for dealing with betrayal?

5. Name several things believers wait for God to accomplish at Christ's return.
