

Wait upon the Lord

Isaiah 40:31 - But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Giving Honor to God the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. Let's turn to Isaiah 40:31, as we lift up the Name of the Lord. Our topic is "Wait upon the Lord."

Praise the Lord for waking us up this morning. The Lord has blessed us all to see a new day that holds new opportunities and bountiful blessings. As we celebrate the Advent Season with a fresh anointing of new possibilities, we earnestly look towards the Christmas holiday. A joyous time of love, giving, and fellowship. As we celebrate the present, reflect on the past, and look towards the future it is important to "Wait upon the Lord."

I often think of the experiences that take place in the finest restaurants when we are served our meal by waiters. Have you ever stopped to think about the role of the waiter or waitress? Well, their role is to provide optimal service. They make sure that our choice appetizers are delivered promptly and are delicious to the taste buds. Waiters ensure that the meal meets and oftentimes exceeds our expectation. Can I get a witness? When you think about it, the waiter/waitress is in service to us (the consumer) providing quality service, and we reward them with a generous tip for their service. I've been illustrating a picture here because we are blessed to be able to "Wait upon the Lord."

Tell somebody to "Wait upon the Lord." Waiting on the Lord (being in service) will **renew your strength**. Did you know that the longer you are in service to the Lord the more you gain strength in the Lord? The scripture references how you will mount up with wings as eagles. The term 'mount up' means to rise to the next level. As the eagle is able to soar to higher highs and deeper depths on the currents of the wind, you will gain new heights by being lifted up by the anointing of God. Get ready for your breakthrough. Get ready for your victory. Get ready for the next level of blessing because the Lord is blessing you at this very moment because you are in service to Him. Tell somebody, I'm going to "Wait on the Lord."

Waiting on the Lord **changes your mindset**. As you are in service to the lord, your courage will increase. Tell somebody to "Wait upon the Lord." Psalm 27:14 says "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." It doesn't matter what the current situation or circumstance may look like, continue to wait on the lord. You've come too far to turn around now. The Lord hasn't brought you this far to leave you. Get up. Get going. Make up your mind that you are going to serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord is your God. He

made you and you are the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him and bless His name. (Psalm 100:2-4) Tell somebody, "I'm going to wait on the Lord."

Waiting on the Lord **strengthens your walk**. To God be the glory for Jesus Christ, our Lord and our savior. In your daily devotion. In your life or prayer, service, and good works, you are walking with the Lord Jesus Christ. As you read His word (the Bible) your faith is renewed and strengthened. Continue to seek God through prayer, psalms, good works, stewardship, always striving to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. This will allow you to walk and not faint.

In closing, Wait on the Lord. You may be seeking God's direction on a particular situation or circumstance. Continue to wait on the Lord. Jesus Christ will reveal to you the answers to your concerns. In your service, in your walk, in your waiting on the Lord – seek Jesus Christ first. Matthew 6:33 says "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Seek the Lord Jesus first and He will take care of everything else. Our God is a refuge and a friend that sticks closer than a brother. He is the more for us than the whole world against us and His name is Jesus Christ. Somebody needs to know today that they are going to make it. It's going to be alright, and Lord himself will deliver you from the snare of the fowler. Surrender, Repent, and Humbly come to the Lord Jesus Christ. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. (Isaiah 1:18) The Lord will deliver you. Wait on the Lord. Blessings and Favor, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.