

Waiting on God

(Part One)

3 variations of meaning to "waiting on God"			
Waiting <i>in</i> God	Devotional	Learning to be in God	<i>It is desirable, beneficial and possible to do all three</i>
Waiting <i>on</i> God	Serving	Doing something for God	
Waiting <i>for</i> God	Patience	Allowing God to do something	

Waiting in God

- To remain inactive in anticipation
- To hedge about with thorns, to guard
- To place a wall around, especially for flocks (protection)

Waiting in God is taking time to focus on God. This refers to our devotional life.

Lamentations 3:22-26 Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. 24 "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!" 25 The Lord is good to those who **wait** for Him, To the soul who seeks Him. 26 It is good that one should hope and **wait** quietly For the salvation of the Lord.

A sign that we are waiting in God is when our devotions are a daily priority. A person with a devotional life draws on the resources of God and receives His mercies. Some of the mercies we receive from waiting on Him are:

1. Protection

Psalm 91:1-2 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

A daily devotional time is dwelling in the secret place of the most high

2. Strength

Isaiah 40:31 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.

Psalm 27:14 **Wait** on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; **Wait**, I say, on the Lord!

Psalm 62:1-2 Truly my soul silently **waits** for God; From Him comes my salvation. 2 He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.

Psalm 62:5-8 My soul, **wait** silently for God alone, For my expectation is from Him. 6 He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved. 7 In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God. 8 Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah



3. Direction

Psalm 25:3-5 Indeed, let no one who **waits** on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause. 4 Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. 5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I **wait** all the day.

One of the reasons we experience failure is because we don't seek God's guidance for our lives. We do our plan, not His.

Psalm 106:13 They soon forgot His works; They did not **wait** for His counsel,

NT Example

Luke 10:38-42 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." 41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 "But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

I have found if you learn to wait in God it will enable you to wait on & for God



Conclusion

Hosea 12:6 So you, by the help of your God, return; Observe mercy and justice, And **wait** on your God continually.