



**Digging Deep**

**December 20, 2016**

**Theme: Wait on the Lord and Wait for the Lord (Psa. 37:34)**

**Topic: What We Should Be Doing While Waiting on the Lord!**

**Text: Psa. 37:7, Psa. 27:14; Isa. 40:31; Hab. 2:1-3; Psa. 130:5-6; I Thess. 5:17-22**

**Introduction:** In the previous weeks, we examined the essentiality of waiting on the Lord. These include positioning ourselves to hearing from God, watching by being sensitive to what He would say to us and listening by being quiet in our spirit to receive the word from God. While waiting on God what should we be doing or what should be occupying our mind? We shall be examining what we should be doing while waiting on/for the Lord. May the Holy Spirit will teach us the words in Jesus name.

### **1. Renew strength (Isa. 40:31; Psa. 27:14)**

a. Praise/ Worship/ thanksgiving to God (Ps 52:9; 1Thess.5:18) (b). Give attention to study of the Word of God and meditation on His word (Lam. 3:25-26; 2Tim. 2:15; Joshua 1:8; Psa. 130:5; Heb.4:12; Eph.6:17) (c). Building up self in Holy Spirit (Jude 1:20, 1Thess. 5:19) (d). Praying, fasting and watching. 1Thess.5:17; Psa. 130:6; Hab. 2:1-3 (e). Keep your heart pure in holiness (1 Thess. 5:22; Prov. 4:23)

### **2. Recognize that God is in control (Isa. 40:28-30)**

Don't run faster than God or run ahead of God. Why? Because God is all knowing, all seeing and all purposeful (Isa. 40:21-30); Simply obey Him (Psa. 37:7,34), draw close to God (James 4:8); be humble in His sight (James 4:10)

### **3. Renew faith in God's quiet steady providence (Hab. 2:1-2)**

Increase your faith in God by hearing and listening to words of God (Rom. 10:17); Listening to spiritual messages on CD, tapes, internet, TV, radio etc.; Listening to testimony of God's goodness to man; grow in things of God such as reading spiritual literatures and the Bible (2 Pet. 3:18)

### **4. Redeem your time/ spend time with Him (Heb. 6:12)**

Listening to words of God and being expectant (Prov. 23:18), hearing and obedient to God's instruction (James 1:22-25). Be patient in mind and action (James 1:3-4), Looking unto God (Heb. 12:2), Cast our eyes rightly to Christ who is the source of our faith & assurance of our Salvation (Lam 3:26), Remind ourselves of Christ's death and reasons to be filled with and empowered by the Holy Spirit Ps 130:5; doing good works (Titus 3:4-8; Eph. 2:10)

**5. Putting on the whole armor of God (Eph. 6:10-18):** What are the armor of God? Loins girt with truth, breastplate of righteousness, feet shod with gospel of peace, taking shield of faith, helmet of salvation, sword of the Spirit (word of God), praying always and watching unto perseverance and supplication for all saints.

**Conclusion:**

It is essential that we know what we should be doing while waiting on the Lord and waiting for the Lord. It is also important to occupy our minds with spiritual activities. This will help guard our heart and keep us focus on God and with great expectation to receive the Divine promises (Isa. 30:18). May the promises of God for us be made manifest as we wait on Him and for Him in Jesus name.