

Reedy Fork Baptist Church

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

BIBLE STUDY

Theme: “Wait On The Lord”

SCRIPTURE Psalms 37:1-11 (NIV)

¹ Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong;

² for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.

³ Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:

⁶ He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

⁸ Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.

⁹ For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

¹⁰ A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found.

¹¹ But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.

I. Key Words:

- Wait
- Patience
- Lord

II. People, Places, & Time:

III. Background:

IV. In Depth:

1. Lesson Emphasis #1: *What is meant by waiting on the Lord?"*

A. Negatively, some things are not meant.

1. This does not mean letting the Lord wait on us.
2. This does not mean that we are to be idle.

B. Positively, certain elements are involved in waiting on the Lord.

1. We must have the ability to endure until God's time comes.
2. We must submit to God's plan.
3. We must have the faith to believe that God has a plan and that he is working it out.
4. If we have faith in God's way, his purposes, and his promises, we can wait.

2. Lesson Emphasis #2: *Why should we wait on the Lord?"*

A. Because, unless we do, we will find ourselves out of step with God, out of harmony with his will.

B. Because, unless we do, we will defeat ourselves by our own impatience.

C. Because only he can bring it to pass.

3. Lesson Emphasis #3: What are the rewards for waiting on the Lord?"

The great saints of all the ages have been those who had the grace, the faith, and the patience to wait on the Lord.

What rewards may we expect? Psalm 37 names three.

A. Provision.

1. The psalmist says, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (v. 25).
2. Verse 9 tells us, "Those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth."

B. Protection.

1. This is hard to believe sometimes, but the psalmist says, "Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore."
2. For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved forever" (vv. 27-28).
3. God will take care of you!

C. Perfection.

1. This may be better stated as "maturity."
2. The psalmist begins his benediction by saying, "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace" (v. 37).

V. Make It Happen

1. What does Wait mean?
2. What is meant by waiting on the Lord?
3. How patient are you on the scale of 1-10?, with 10 being the highest.
4. Why should we wait on the Lord?
5. How long shall we wait on the Lord?
6. What are the rewards for waiting on the Lord? (See Isa. 40: 28-31).

VI. Follow the Spirit:

What will you do as a result of this lesson?