

## God is Worth the Wait

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### Notes

07/23 Zephaniah 3:8-11, "God is Worth the Wait," Subtitle: God will restore, (1. Wait for God 3:8, 2. God will restore purity 3:9-10, 3. God will vanquish shame 3:11) Scripture: Psalm 145:8-13

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Ps. 13:1-4 "1 How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? 2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, Having sorrow in my heart all the day? How long will my enemy be exalted over me? 3 Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; Enlighten my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, 4 And my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," And my adversaries will rejoice when I am shaken."

2 Pet. 3:8-9 "8 But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. 9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance."

Waiting for God's vindication is neither desirable nor easy. Yet, waiting on God is the only choice for those who love him and seek to live according to his commands. Patience is not natural, either for the wicked or the righteous, but God called on the people to wait on him for their deliverance—a deliverance which would come in the form of God's judgment against the nations.

"We never go so far away, fall so deeply down, get so irretrievably lost that we are beyond his love, care, and remedial action."

God is worth the wait and please know and count on this, restoration is coming.

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## Wait for God 3:8

God is all-consuming now and the day is coming when everyone will know it

1. ++**God is in your history** (Ps. 139:13-16a)
2. ++**God is in your presence** (Ps. 139:1-12; 17-18)
3. ++**God is in your future** (Ps. 139:16b)

## God will restore purity 3:9-10

God is all-purposeful now and the day is coming when everyone will see it

1. ++**Seeing God more clearly gives perspective** (Isa. 6:1-5a)
2. ++**Accepting God more completely gives clarity** (Isa. 6:5b)
3. ++**Trusting God more willingly gives restoration** (Isa. 6:6-7)

## God will vanquish shame 3:11

God is all-freeing and the day is coming when His people will experience it

1. ++**God will remove your shame** (Isa. 54:4; Zeph. 3:19; Heb. 12:2)
2. ++**God will remove the prideful** (Ps. 86:9; 1 Cor. 15:24)

3. ++ **God will remove your pride** (Dan. 4:25-26; 34-35)

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