

WAIT ON GOD!

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While preparing some lessons for a series on Premillennialism, one of the subjects presented was an overview of the book of Revelation. What was the message to those Christians who were being intensely persecuted by the enemies of God? To put it simply, "**WAIT ON GOD!**"

Man finds it difficult to remain patient during times of trouble. In the world we live in, which a "quick-fix" is offered for any problem large or small, we are always looking for the "quick" remedy. Yet, sometimes there is not a "quick" solution and we must "ride out the storm." When you hurt, what do you want most--for the pain or suffering to stop!

During the persecution of Christians in the first century, the suffering was great. Death, sickness, distress, strife, and constant worry were the order of the day. Did God care? Did He understand what they were going through for Him? When was relief coming? Being a human being I well understand the questions they had.

The letter of Revelation provided the answers. Yes, God was aware of their situation. In His own time, with all justice, compassion, and longsuffering, God would bring His righteous wrath to bear! In the meantime what were they to do? Trust and have faith in God – "wait on Him."

Do you ever worry about the direction in which this country is going? Do the ungodly acts of men worry you? Does God notice? What does He think? How long can he endure such attitudes and actions by His creation? Let me allow the scriptures to provide you some answers.

"I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. {Revelation 1:18}

"My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved." {Psalms 62:5,6}

"Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you; and therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him." {Isaiah 30:18}

"Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day." {Psalms 25:5}

"I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me, and heard my cry." {Psalms 20:1}

"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope." {Psalm 130:5}

"But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance." {Romans 8:25}

"Do not say, "I will recompense evil"; Wait for the LORD, and He will save you." {Proverbs 20:22}

“And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.” {Romans 5:3,4}

“Knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.” {James 1:3}

“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” {Galatians 6:9}

What do all these passages have in common? Just one thought: we as God’s children must strive to be patient and trust without wavering in Him and His promises.

God cares. Question we must ponder and give sober consideration, will we **WAIT ON GOD**? Do you have a better option my friend? ***