

I WILL WAIT ON THE LORD

PSALM 27:7-14

“WAIT FOR THE LORD, BE STRONG AND TAKE HEART AND WAIT FOR THE LORD.”v.14

THE LORD GOD DOESN'T HAVE TO BE IN A HURRY TO ANSWER OUR CRIES AND CALLS OUT TO HIM. WE HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO WAIT ON HIM TO ANSWER OUR CRY, WE MUST LEARN TO BE STRONG AND TO TAKE HEART AND WAIT FOR THE LORD.

MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN OUR HURRY UP NOW, NEED IT NOW, GOT TO HAVE IT NOW SOCIETY AND CULTURE, OUR NOT HAVING IT NOW, OFTEN MAKES US FEEL THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH WAITING ON THINGS AND THAT WE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO WAIT.

“BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH, THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS OF EAGLES; THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY, THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT... (ISA: 40-31)

I REMEMBER WHEN AS A CHILD WE USED TO PUT THINGS IN THE LAY AWAY AND PAY UNTIL WE WERE ABLE TO PAY IT OFF. WE HAD TO WAIT FOR IT AND THAT TOOK TIME. THE ITEM MAY HAVE BEEN OUT OF DATE WHEN WE FINALLY GOT IT, BUT THAT WAS ALRIGHT WITH US, BUT TODAY WE CAN GO ON LINE AND ORDER SOME THING AND HAVE IT IN THREE DAYS OR LESS BY QUICK ORDERING IT, YOU CAN EVEN PHONE OR EMAIL AND HAVE DINNER DELIVERED THAT SAME EVENING.

NO WONDER WAITING IS SO HARD FOR US TO DO. I THINK THAT SOMETHINGS COME TOO EASY FOR US TODAY, SO, “I WILL WAIT UPON THE LORD UNTIL MY CHANGE COMES”, (JOB: 14:14).

AS WE LOOK IN THE TEXT TODAY WE SEE KING DAVID, THE AUTHOR OF OUR KEY VERSE, WHO WAS NO STRANGER TO WAITING AND KNEW THE DIFFICULTIES OF HAVING A FULL WELL.

WE SEE THAT THE PROPHET SAMUEL IS SENT TO THE HOUSE OF JESSE THE FATHER OF DAVID IN CHAPTER 16:1, STARTING WITH VERSE 1.SAMUEL IS THERE TO ANOINT THE NEXT KING OF ISRAEL, WHO AFTER SEARCHING TURNS OUT TO BE JESSE'S EIGHTH SON DAVID, A YOUNG BOY IN HIS TEENAGE YEARS.

MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS GOD TURNED DOWN SEVEN OF JESSE'S SONS TO GET TO AND CHOSE THE YOUNGEST ONE. THE SON WHO WAS A SERVANT, THE LITTLE ONE, THE WEAKER ONE BY AGE AND IN STRENGTH, THE BABY BOY, THE ONE WHO WOULD NOT USE HIS OWN IDEAS, AND THE ONE WHO WAS USED TO WAITING. AMEN!

THE SCRIPTURE TELLS US THAT THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD RUSHED OVER DAVID AND WAS WITH HIM THE REST OF HIS LIFE. 1 SAMUEL 16:13 SAYS,

“THEN SAMUEL TOOK THE HORN OF OIL AND ANOINTED HIM IN THE MIDST OF HIS BRETHREN: AND THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD CAME UPON DAVID FROM THAT DAY FORWARD, SO SAMUEL AROSE AND WENT TO RAMAH”.

WE MIGHT EXPECT DAVID TO RUN TO THE THRONE WITH SUCH AN ANOINTING, BUT THE ONLY RUNNING HE DID WAS BACK TO WORK IN THE PASTURE TENDING TO HIS FATHER’S SHEEP.

IT IS HERE WHERE THE WAITING BEGINS FOR THE LORD TO SEND HIM ON THE ROAD LEADING TO KINGSHIP, AND WHILE WAITING GOD IS PREPARING HIM FOR THE JOB AT HAND. YOU KNOW THAT GOD PREPARES US FOR THE WORK THAT HE HAS DONE FOR US TO DO?

“WAIT, WAIT I SAY; WAIT UPON THE LORD, AND HE WILL REWARD YOU IN DUE TIME”, WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT THE ONLY KIND OF WORK DAVID KNOW HOW TO DO WAS TO BE A FIELD HAND AND SHEPARD. HE DID NOT KNOW THE ENDS AND OUTS OF BEING A KING, BUT GOD ALSO TOOK CARE OF THAT, BY PLACING HIM IN THE PALACE AS AN ARMOR BEARER FOR THE KING.

“WAIT ON THE LORD: BE OF GOOD COURAGE, AND HE SHALL STRENGTHEN THINE HEART: WAIT I SAY ON THE LORD” (PSM.27:12) WE SEE THAT DAVID DID NOT KNOW HOW TO HANDLE KINGLY PROTOCOL THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OR EVEN AN ARMY, SO INSTEAD OF THE POSITION THAT GOD HAD ELEVATED HIM TO, HE STARTED AT THE BOTTOM, WAITING AND LEARNING UNTIL GOD POSITIONED HIM FROM THE PASTURE TO THE PALACE. WHAT A WONDERFUL STORY!

MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS AS WE WAIT IN THE PRESENT, IT IS BENEFICIAL TO OUR FUTURE. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT DAVID LEARNED, ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER THINGS, THAT WE FIND HOPE IN DURING THE DIFFICULTY OF WAITING, BECAUSE WHILE WE WAIT WE CAN NOT ONLY GROW, BUT WE CAN GET WISER AND STRONGER IN THE LORD GOD .

THERE IS ANOTHER THING THAT YOU MUST LEARN TOO AND THAT IS EVEN THROUGH YOU ARE ANOINTED AND APPOINTED, YOU MAY STILL HAVE TO WAIT. DAVID WAITED FIFTEEN YEARS TO BE KING OF JUDAH, AND EVEN LONGER TO BE KING OF ISRAEL. ALL OF THIS TIME AFTER GOD HAD REMOVED SAUL AS KING IN HIS THOUGHTS, BECAUSE THE LORD GOD DOESN’T HAVE TO BE IN A HURRY TO DO HIS WILL, IF HE WON’T HURRY FOR HIMSELF, HE DOESN’T HAVE TO HURRY FOR US. THAT’S WHY HE IS GOD AND GOD ALONE AND WHY THE ENEMY GOT ANGRY WITH HIM.

GOD DOESN’T HAVE TO MOVE FAST IN HUMAN TIME TO REMOVE SOMEONE OR SOMETHING. MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS “GOD’S WAYS ARE NOT OUR WAYS” AND HIS THOUGHTS ARE NOT OUR THOUGHTS”
ISA.55:8

AFTER BEING APPOINTED AND ANOINTED DAVID WAS CALLED TO SERVE SAUL, THE MAN WHOM HE WAS CALLED TO REPLACE AND WHO WAS

SITTING UPON THE THRONE. THE MAN HE WAS TO REPLACE AND THE MAN WHO WANTED TO KILL HIM.

DAVID EITHER HAD TO WAIT OR CAUSE MUCH CONSTERNATION, HE CHOSE TO WAIT. HE BELIEVED THAT GOD HAD HIS TIME FIXED AND THAT WHAT GOD HAD ORDAINED WOULD COME TO PASS. DAVID BELIEVED IN GOD'S WORD AND ACTIONS, WHAT ABOUT YOU? ARE YOU WILLING TO WAIT UPON THE LORD?

MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS GOD DOESN'T WASTE TIME, HE REDEEMS IT. THE TIME OF WAITING WILL BE USED TO PROSPER US IN EACH SEASON OF OUR LIVES. IF WE ALLOW IT, OUR WAITING PERIOD WILL BRING US AN INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SAVIOR THAT WE WOULD NOT OTHERWISE HAVE.

MOST OF DAVID'S BEAUTIFUL AND POETIC PSALMS WERE WRITTEN WHILE HE WAS CLOSED UP IN CAVES, CAVERNS AND IN THE WILDERNESS, WAITING ON THE LORD GOD TO DELIVER HIM. GOD WILL SOMETIMES PUT US IN THE SAME SITUATION SO THAT HE CAN COMMUNICATE WITH US, TO MAKE US READY FOR OUR KINGDOM WORK...

GOD DOESN'T IGNORE OUR CRIES, HE HEARS! DAVID CRIED OUT AND AT TIMES EVEN BEGGED GOD FOR HELP! GOD NEVER LETS US DOWN, LET US REMEMBER THAT! WE DO KNOW THAT DAVID DID BECOME KING!

AS I CLOSE LET ME TELL YOU THAT OUR WAITING HAS A PURPOSE FOR SOMEONE OTHER THAN US. JUST THINK OF HOW RICH OUR LIVES ARE TODAY BECAUSE OF WHAT GOD HAS ALLOWED US TO LEARN ABOUT THE LIFE OF DAVID THE KING, HIS WAITING PERIOD AND WHAT HE HAD TO ENDURE TO GET TO THE CASTLE AS KING.

MAYBE WE WOULD NOT HAVE GOTTEN HIS WRITINGS IF HE HAD NOT LEARNED TO WAIT AND GO THROUGH THE WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE, THAT TIME WHEN HE HAD NO DEFENSE TO PROTECT HIM, BUT GOD!

WHAT AWESOME INSTRUCTION DAVID'S LIFE GIVES TO US ABOUT WAITING, BECAUSE WAITING IS LESS DIFFICULT AND THE FUTURE IS MUCH BRIGHTER WHEN WE LET GOD DO HIS WORK IN OUR WAITING SEASON.

THAT TIME WHEN WE LET OUT GUARD AND DEFENSE DOWN, HE PROVES HIMSELF FAITHFUL TO BRING HIS PLANS FOR OUR LIVES TO FULLNESS.

WHEN YOU HAVE TO WAIT, DO YOU DRAW NEARER OR DO YOU FALL FURTHER AWAY FROM GOD?

"I SAY TO MYSELF, THE LORD IS MY PORTION; THEREFORE I WILL WAIT FOR HIM". (LAMENTATIONS 3:24)

WE MUST BELIEVE BY FAITH THAT GOD WILL FULFILL HIS PROMISE TO US, THAT HE WILL DO HIS WILL AND ACCOMPLISH THOSE THINGS HE PROMISED. AMEN!