



““CALMLY WAITING FOR GOD” – PART I

Psalm 62 Sermon Texts: Psalm 62:1, 5

Welcome this morning to a set worship setting. As the main sanctuary is being remodeled, we will be worshipping God and fellow-shiping with each other in the Fellowship Hall and the Chapel. We have patiently waited upon the Lord to provide us with the resources to enhance the physical structure, while He builds our spiritual lives. Change is always somewhat difficult. We become comfortable in our daily routines, but change is inevitable. For change to effectively and positively transpire, patience is a required attribute.

We live hurried lives of accomplishing one goal after another, with little time in between to reflect and thank God for being faithful to our prayers.

It has been said that patience is a virtue. Have you heard the American prayer? “Lord, give me patience....and I want it now.” It is difficult for a country that exists on frozen dinners, instant mashed potatoes, powdered orange juice, packaged cake mixes, instant print cameras, and freeway lanes to teach its young how to wait. As we go through this period of transition or our lives in general, we must learn to wait on and trust God for our every need. Waiting on God is resting instead of worrying. It is easy to fake waiting, but truly patient waiting is as David was in Psalm 62:1, “I calmly wait for Him.” Another translation of verse one says, “My soul waits in silence for God only.” The literal Hebrew sentence reads almost backwards from the English translation, “Only for God in silence does my soul wait.” The word translated ‘silence’ comes from the Hebrew verb that means ‘to worship softly.’ It is the idea of whispering a secret to somebody you love—not loud enough for anyone else to hear. In this case, David speaks only for God to hear. The word ‘only’ appears six times in the Psalms. For David, there is no one else but the Lord.

When you wait on God calmly it means to:

1. Wait for God to direct your steps – Psalm 62:1; Proverbs 3:5, 6
2. Trust God to provide your needs – Philippians 4:19; Malachi 3:10; Matthew 14:20; Luke 6:38
3. Wait calmly in stillness – Psalm 62:1, 5; Psalm 46:10; Numbers 9:8; Job 37:14; 1 Samuel 9:27
4. Wait in stability and confidence – Psalm 40:2; 55:22; 62:2; 121:3; 125:1

As you face life’s changes and challenges be sure to trust God, wait calmly, and let Him direct your steps. Be assured that you must wait with confidence knowing it is all right. Read what Isaiah wrote about those who calmly wait on the Lord (Isaiah 40:29-31).

Benefits of Calmly Waiting

1. He is our only Deliverer. (v 1)
2. He is our only security. (v 2)
3. He is our only hope. (v 5)
4. He is our only glory. (v 7)
5. He is our only refuge. (v 7)
6. Study today. (James 1:2-4)

Pray this Prayer

“Lord, make me mature...And I am willing to calmly wait on you.”

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