

Sunday, November 22nd, 2020

Title: The Discipline of Waiting
Mount Up With Wings Like Eagles
Series: Hearing God...4
Text: Romans 1

Introduction:

Review of the last Sunday's devotional:

Hearing to Live By Faith

1. Invitation to Repent
2. Invitation to Respond
3. Invitation to Believe

Today's devotional is entitled-The Discipline of Waiting
Or – Mount Up with Wings Like Eagles

~ Read Isaiah 40

~ The instruction in verse 31 to “wait”

H6960 – qavah, verb: to wait, look for, hope, expect;
waiting; to wait or look eagerly for, to lie in wait for, to
wait for, linger for; to collect, bind together, to be col-
lected

From a primitive root; to bind together (perhaps by
twisting)

Waiting for the Lord is NOT a time of IDLENESS!

Object lesson from J. Sidlow Baxter:
Prayer, the bridge, the frog and the bird.

1. While WAITING, Take Every Thought Captive:

1.1) Paul's counsel in 2 Corinthians 10:3 – 6

“For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. (4) For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. (5) We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, (6) being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.”

1.2) ~ Deuteronomy 15:9, “Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart...”

~ Proverbs 15:26, “The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord,”

~ Isaiah 55:6 - 7, “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; (7) let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

~ Isaiah 59:7, “Their feet run to evil, and they are swift to shed blood; their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; desolation and destruction are in their highways.”

~ Matthew 15:19, “For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.”

2. While WAITING, Treasure God's Promises:

2:1) Meditate on the WORD of God:

~ Psalm 1:1 – 3, “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; (2) but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. (3) He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.”

~ Joshua 1:8, “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

~ Philippians 2:14, “Do all things without grumbling or disputing.”

This is the opposite of meditating on God's Word; John take EVERY thought captive!

~ Remember 2 Corinthians 1:20, “For all the promises of God find their Yes in him (the Lord Jesus Christ). That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.”

2.2) Be renewed in the Holy Spirit:

~ Ephesians 5:18 – 21, “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, (19) addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, (20) giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, (21) submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

~ Acts 2; 4:8 Peter filled on two different occasions...doubt those were the only occasions!

3. While WAITING, Trust in His Return:

~ Acts 1:11

~ 1 Thessalonians 1:1 - 10

~ Revelation 22:16 - 21

Conclusion:

When we WAIT, THEN the promise is fulfilled!
(Isaiah 40:31)

*But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings as eagles;
they shall run, and not be weary;
and they shall walk, and not faint.*