

jul 27

God is waiting on us

"and therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you...blessed are all they that wait for him." isa 30:18

i know many of you are already beginning to think we have once again been disappointed in our expectations. perhaps that is the way it will turn out, but i would remind everyone - there is still time on the clock. i would remind everyone that we said to watch the few next succeeding days. we are still in the "season" and all the signs that pointed to it have not gone away.

if anything, i am seeing an intensifying of some of them and new ones besides. no. i will never quit expecting. when labor has commenced it is too late for anyone to say, "i've changed my mind." delivery is going to ensue. maybe just a few more pains and pushes. (women may need to explain that to men and childless ones.)

we must not only think of our waiting upon God, but also of something more wonderful still - God's waiting on us. the vision of Him waiting on us, will give new impulse and inspiration to our waiting on Him. it will give us unspeakable confidence that our waiting cannot be in vain.

let us seek even now, at this moment (in the spirit of waiting on God), to find out something of what it means. He has inconceivably glorious purposes

concerning every one of His children. and you ask, "how is it, if He waits to be gracious, that even after i come and wait on Him, He does not give the help i seek, but waits on longer and longer?"

God is a wise husbandman. "therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. see how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain." james 5:7

He cannot gather the fruit till it is ripe. He knows when we are spiritually ready to receive the blessing to our profit and His glory. waiting in the sunshine of His love is what will ripen the soul for His blessing. waiting under the cloud of trial, that breaks in showers of blessings, is as needful. be assured that if God waits longer than you could wish, it is only to make the blessing doubly precious.

"God waited four thousand years, till the fullness of time, ere He sent His Son. our times are in His hands; He will avenge His elect speedily; He will make haste for our help, and not delay one hour too long." - andrew murray

"then believed they his words; they sang his praise. they soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel; but lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. and he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul." psa 106:12-15 if our day "seems" postponed, it is only for a time and for a reason.

we read of moses, that "he endured, "as seeing him who is invisible." exactly the opposite was true of the children of israel in this record. they endured only when the circumstances were favorable; they were largely governed by the things that appealed to their senses, instead of resting in the invisible and eternal God.

in the present day there are those who live intermittent Christian lives because they have become occupied with the outward, and center in circumstances, instead of centering in God. God wants us more and more to see Him in everything, and to call nothing small if it bears us His message.

here we read of the children of israel, "then they believed his words." they did not believe till after they saw - when they saw Him work, then they believed. they really doubted God when they came to the red sea; but when God opened the way and led them across and they saw pharaoh and his host drowned - then they believed.

they led an up and down life because of this kind of faith; it was a faith that depended upon circumstances. this is not the kind of faith God wants us to have. the world says "seeing is believing," but God wants us to believe in order to see. the psalmist said, "i would have lost heart, unless i had believed that i would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." psa 27:13

our hope is not dashed, it is only delayed, and yet, still coming before most think it will.

i do not ask my cross to understand,
my way to see –
better in darkness just to feel Thy hand,
and follow Thee.

we believe on when faith is all we have to hold us up.
"faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward
of this faith is to see what we believe." st. augustine

look upon another day delayed as another day to reach
another soul; to restore one who has strayed from the
"narrow way." God's knows the end from the beginning
and we must trust He will make it so. "did I not say
to you that if you would believe you would see the
glory of God?" john 11:40 so what is our mission? the
same as it's always been. we watch. we wait. we
occupy. we do what we know to do. we still see the
day approaching and today we are closer than yesterday.