

Sunday, January 15, 2023

Scripture Reading: Psalm 40:1-11

Patience is not simply the ability to wait; it's how we behave while we're waiting. —Joyce Meyer

Look at the first three words of this psalm. The first two are fine: “I waited.”
The third word is a problem: “Patiently.”

Why is it important that when one waits on the Lord, that she or he waits patiently? What's the big deal? What difference does it make if you are patient or impatient?

Perhaps it should not matter. The thing is, if waiting is necessary, one might as well wait patiently rather than impatiently. It's much better for one's blood pressure.

The amount of time we invest in waiting often is a telling sign of the value we place on the object for which we are waiting. This doesn't apply to situations in which waiting is thrust upon us — situations in which we have no choice ... like having to wait in a dentist's office for an appointment in which your teeth will be introduced to the drill.

But if we're willing to order a book and wait for delivery, this means we value the book.

If we order a new, special wheelchair and wait for delivery, we clearly value the wheelchair we want.

If we order an electric, weighted blanket, we need to wait for delivery. We don't mind because we value the blanket.

If we wait upon the Lord, we do so, because there's value in doing so.

There is value in waiting when the object of waiting has value. Waiting with patience expresses 1) utmost confidence in the outcome, 2) our trust in God, 3) that we're at peace with the process and 4) that we are unafraid (v. 3).

No wonder that David, the psalm writer, could cry with joy, “I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry ... He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God ... Happy are those who make the LORD their trust” (vv. 1,3-4). Amen!

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Increase my patience, O Lord, so that like David of old, I too might have a song in my mouth and peace in my heart. Amen.

*Blessings,
Lisa & Pastor Ben Motz*

Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday:** Matthew 8-11
- Monday:** Matthew 12-15
- Tuesday:** Matthew 16-19
- Wednesday:** Matthew 20-22
- Thursday:** Matthew 23-25
- Friday:** Matthew 26-28
- Saturday:** Psalms 4-6

Verse to Remember

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

—Matthew 16:15-16

Can you do this in two minutes?

Here are 10 short words, all with the letter F in them. Can you unscramble them in two minutes? That's about 11 seconds per word. Try it!

yfl _____

tefe _____

hsfi _____

gofr _____

ofx _____

nfa _____

rouf _____

rokf _____

evfi _____

fcea _____

EMPTY BOXES

Arrange the numbers 2 through 10 in the boxes so that each column, row and long diagonal add up to 18. One number is already given.

			Can you do this in two minutes? fly, feet or fete, fish, frog, fox, fan, four, fork, five, face.
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EMPTY BOXES: Top row: 9,2,7; Middle row: 4,6,8; Bottom row: 5,10,3.

"I Have a DREAM..."

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