

# Sunday, January 5, 2025

*1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."*

## **Title: Biblical Habits of Waiting on the Lord**

### **Text: Psalm 27:14 and Psalm 25:1 - 22**

**Purpose:** I want to INFORM my congregation of four Biblical habits that make WAITING on the Lord productive for His purposes.

#### **Introduction:**

Last Sunday's devotion was entitled, "Setting My FIRST Priority;" we considered: ~ 1) Outline of Psalm 27; 2) Our Personal Application; 3) Our Instruction from Father God; 4) Our Instruction From David

~ The Hebrew word that we translate "wait" is not a passive word. Illustration of Costco and Coop gas.

~ The Hebrew word is qava (H6960) and is used 49 times. Qava is a verb and is a primitive root; to bind together (perhaps by twisting). Wait for (probably originally twist, stretch, then of tension of enduring, waiting; Assyrian, wait, cord; Arabic be strong, strength, also strand of rope; Syriac endure, remain, await, threads, spider's threads.

~ Spider silk is five times stronger than steel.

#### **1. Habit of Abiding in the Word:**

~ Psalm 25:4 – 5, "Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. 5) lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long."

~ John 15:1 – 8, (7) "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

~ Psalm 1:1 – 3, (2) "but his delight in in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night."

~ 2 Timothy 2:15, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."

~ Romans 12:1 – 2, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (2) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

#### **2. Habit of Prayer:**

~ Psalm 25:1 – 2, "To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. (2) O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me."

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:17, "pray without ceasing,"

~ James 4:2- 3, "You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. (3) You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions."

~ 1 John 5:14 – 15, "And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. (15) And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him."

#### **3. Habit of Praise:**

~ Psalm 25:8 – 9, "Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. (9) He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way."

~ Hebrews 13:15, "Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name."

~ 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."

#### **4. Habit of Obedience:**

~ Psalm 25:10, "All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies."

~ John 14:21, "Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

~ 1 Samuel 15:22 – 23, "And Samuel said, "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. (23) For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king."

#### **Conclusion:**

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