

**#239 "Waiting for the promise"**

**1** Luke 8:40 And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him.

**2** Let us pray,

**3** Dear God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come humbly and reverently this evening waiting on Thee, and as the Scripture reading tonight, waiting also for the glorious return of Your Eldest Son Jesus. Help us tonight to know what it means for us to be able to patiently wait for the Promise you have for us in this hour, not only for the return of Your Eldest son, but of all your children since the days of the Apostle Paul all the way to this hour. We know Father that this is the hour for the resurrection, and we believe even as you had a ministry for your son Jesus in the Alpha when he returned for a few weeks among his brethren, so too there will be a ministry coming forth with your Great Voice of the resurrection. Help us to be ready at that time for we ask it in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

**4** In 2 Thessalonians 3:5 the Apostle Paul said, And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

**5** And as we see the beginning of sorrows coming upon the earth, we can have consolation, knowing the soon return Jesus the son of God, that at that time our God and Father will lift us up and out of the way of Your Wrath before it becomes an all consuming fire.

**6** 1 Thessalonians 1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

**7** Isaiah 25:9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**8** Romans 8:25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

**9** Lamentations 3:26 It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

**10** Lamentations 3:25 The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

**11** 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.

**12** Isaiah 30:18 And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

**13** Psalms 130:5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

**14** Psalms 62:5 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.

**15** Psalms 59:9 [Because of] his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defence.

**16** The Spoken Word is the original Seed 176 Now, let us stand like Joshua and Caleb. (Now, watch close, this is going to have a spiritual background.) Now, let us stand like Joshua and Caleb as we see the promised land coming in sight. It's nearing the time to be given. "Joshua" in Hebrew means "Saviour" and represents the promised end time leader to take the church over. Caleb represents the true believer who stayed with Joshua. God started Israel as a virgin, with His Word, but they wanted something different. So did the last day church.

**17** 177 Notice how God did not move Israel until His own appointed time. (Now, listen. This is going to mean something.) Joshua waited for that time. No matter how much people might've said, "God gave us the land, the promise; let us go now and take it." They might've said, "Joshua, you lost your commission. You're all washed up. Why are you not doing something? You used to know THUS SAITH THE LORD in a moment and what was the will of God." But this wise God-sent prophet knew the promise of God, but also knew to wait for that promise, a clear-cut decision from God for his time. And when the time come, God gave it to Joshua, who had stayed with Him by the Word, for He could not trust others; He could trust him. So will it repeat.

**18** Acts 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

**19** Habakkuk 2:3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

**20** Ecclesiastes 3: To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven. A time to be born , and a time to die; a time to plant and a time reap. A time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up. ....A time to tear and a time to sew; a time to keep silence and a time to speak;

**21** Remember, Jesus said, "as a man thinketh in His heart, so is He! And out of the overflow of His heart He shall speak." So a man is no more and no less than the sum of His Word" And so when we approach this Great Message, let's never fail to remember who came down and spoke it. And out of the overflow of His heart did He speak. So surely we are witnessing the Revelation of His own being from His own Voice and from His own Heart. And He has given us this wonderful opportunity for our own benefit. Remember in Ecclesiastes, He said a time to sew and a time to reap. A time to plant and a time to pluck up that which was planted. And He came down in this Hour as the Son of Man. And we know that most of the parables Jesus told us of the Son of Man is that He comes forth planting seeds for a great harvest. KJV Hebrews 11: 1 Now Faith is the Substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Now in examining this scripture we see the word substance means assurance)

**22** AMPLIFIED Faith is the assurance ( the confirmation, the title deed ) of things we hope for or earnestly expect, being the proof of things we do not see and the conviction of their reality - faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed by the senses.

**23** WEYMOUTH Now Faith is a well grounded assurance of that for which we hope, and a conviction of the reality of things which we do not see.

**24** Revelation is the assurance of things we earnestly expect and the conviction of things we do not see.'

**25** And again we should also understand that the word for substance in the Greek is Hupostasis and is used in Hebrews 1: 3 as more than just a thought of being sure or confident or assured, because it is used in expressing the very substance of God Himself. Hebrews 1: 3 KJV Who being the brightness of His Glory, and the express

image of His PERSON (Hupostasis), and upholding all things by the Word of His power....

**26** **AMPLIFIED** He is the sole expression of the Glory of God- the Light - being, the out-ricing of the Divine- and he is the perfect imprint and very image of God's Nature..... New American Standard And He is the radiance of His Glory and the exact representation of His Nature..... So we see then that this word used to describe Faith ( Hupostasis ) is more than just a mental principle of having assurance, but this word actually deals more with the Nature of being sure. Being confident. Not just in a positive sense of the word, but from the aspect of your very nature having or exuding and air or atmosphere of being confident. Since this word is used both for the very Nature of God being manifested through His own Son, and is also used for the assurance that Faith produces in us, then it therefore has to do with our very Nature, even as it has to do with Jesus Christ the Son of God reflecting God's own Nature.

**27** Psalms 40:1 I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

**28** Psalms 37:34 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

**29** Psalms 37:7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. 9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

**30** Psalms 27:14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

**31** Job 14:14 If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

**32** To doubt shows a lack of understanding with Whom you are dealing. If Faith is the Assurance of things earnestly expected, and the very conviction or being convinced of those things which you have not yet seen, then when He is truly Revealed to you, you are very sure and need no further convincing. Therefore the Revelation stands on it's own. More blessed are you which have not seen yet believe. So it is not a matter of seeing, but of not seeing yet perceiving and knowing.

**33** Hebrews 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Romans 5:2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

**34** Now this is where we fail. We are not always so sure of where we stand. Just like a little child who knows that when they are the apple of there father's eye, they can get just about what ever their little hearts would desire. But when that child knows that is has done something that displeases his or her father, then they don't have the same confidence. Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**35** Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard [it]. Why did they not have faith? Why did they not have this supreme confidence in God to see them through? Because they were constantly bickering and fighting with one another. They were so focused on the circumstance around them that they became embittered in their hearts and they could no longer see the promise God made to them.

**36** Psalm 95: 1 - 11 (read) They didn't come forth with joy and anticipation, but they soon forgot all the victory they had already seen.

**37** Psalm 106 :7 Our Fathers understood not Thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of Thy mercies; but provoked Him at the Sea, even at the Red Sea.....13.They soon forgot His works; they waited not for His counsel..... 21 They forgot God their Saviour which had done great things by the Red Sea.

**38** YOU MUST NEVER LOOK AT THE CIRCUMSTANCES NO MATTER WHAT THEY ARE.

**39** Romans 4:19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; HE DIDN'T LOOK AT HIMSELF NOR AT ANY ONE ELSE FOR THE PROMISE ! HE LOOKED TO GOD AND GOD ALONE!

**40** Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of [our] faith without wavering; (for he [is] faithful that promised;)

**41** Hebrews 6:12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

**42** Hebrews 11:29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry [land]: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace. Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE:

**43** Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of [our] faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**44** Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if [any man] draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

**45** Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

**46** James 1:3 Knowing [this], that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have it's perfect work, that ye may be perfect, and entire or complete, wanting nothing. Romans 3:3 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? If God said it, it has to happen! He's faithful!

**47** Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Romans 4:16 Therefore [it is] of faith, that [it might be] by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

**48** Romans 10:17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**49** James 5: 7 - 11, 7Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. 8Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. 9Grudge not one against

another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door. 10Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. 11Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. 13 - 20 13Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. 14Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: 15And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. 16Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. 17Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. 18And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. 19Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; 20Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

**50** Let's Pray.... In closing let us sing, 2 Timothy 1: 12 I know whom I have believed...