

Session 6

GOD WILL!
Await Him.

Step 5 in the Ladder of Faith



Theme:

Give God room to answer in His own
time and way.

Biblical Foundation:

“My soul, wait silently for God alone,
for my expectation is from Him. He
only is my rock and my salvation; He is
my defense; I shall not be moved.”

Psalm 62:5,6 NKJV™

The Purpose of This Session

is to help us learn the enormous value of waiting on God for His answers.

Introduction:

All of us want to know that God is going to answer our prayer in the future.

However, such assurance involves an important responsibility on our part.

We need to learn to wait on the Lord. Waiting on the Lord in prayer, for a short or long time, gives God time to complete three vital actions:

1. Accomplish important parts of His answers.

“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law.”

Galatians 4:4 NKJV™

“Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; do not fret --- it only causes harm. For evildoers shall be cut off; but those who wait on the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.”

Psalm 37:7-9 NKJV™ (emphasis added)

2. [**Prepare**] us to receive His answers.

“Therefore the Lord will wait, that he may be gracious to you; and therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him.”

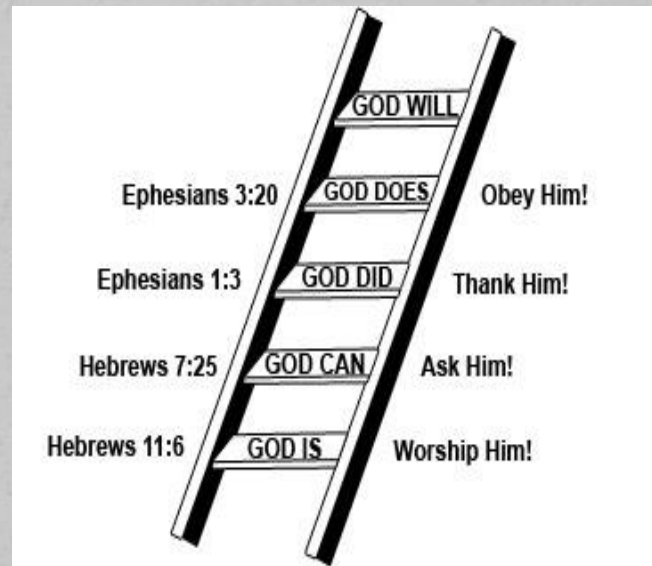
Isaiah 30:18 NKJV™

3. [**Teach**] us to listen and learn about Him and His ways.

“I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am reproved.”

Habakkuk 2:1 NKJV™

A. Basic Truth: GOD WILL!



Assurance that God will answer our prayer is the level of faith that we all desire.

1. God guarantees [answers] to all prayers.

“Everyone who asks receives.”

Matthew 7:8 NKJV™

2. His answers may be different than expected.

“And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

2 Corinthians 12:7-9 NKJV™

3. The more our prayers [agree] with God's will, the closer His answers will match our prayers.

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”

1 John 5:14,15 NKJV™

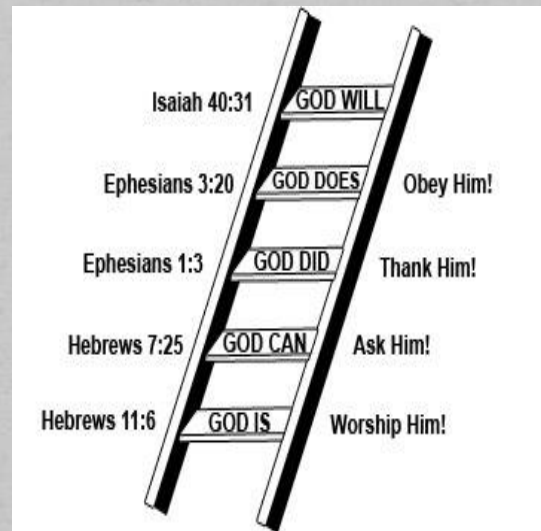
4. Delays are not denials. They allow time for God to do five important things:

- a. Change us.
- b. Change circumstances.
- c. Win spiritual battles.
- d. Accomplish details that are related to our requests.
- e. Provide greater answers than we expected.

“Then Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’”

John 11:21-23 NKJV™

B. Scripture: Isaiah 40:31



“But those who wait on the Lord
Shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings
like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.”

Isaiah 40:31 NKJV™

By [waiting] on the Lord, we draw many spiritual benefits from Him.

We:

1. [Receive] instruction.

“Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
for You are the God of my salvation; on
You I wait all the day.”

Psalm 25:5 NKJV™

2. Receive His strength.

“Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord!”

Psalm 27:14 NKJV™

3. Experience fulfillment in life.

“Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.”

Psalm 37:34 NKJV™

4. Receive God's deliverance and guidance.

“I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me, and heard my cry. He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps.”

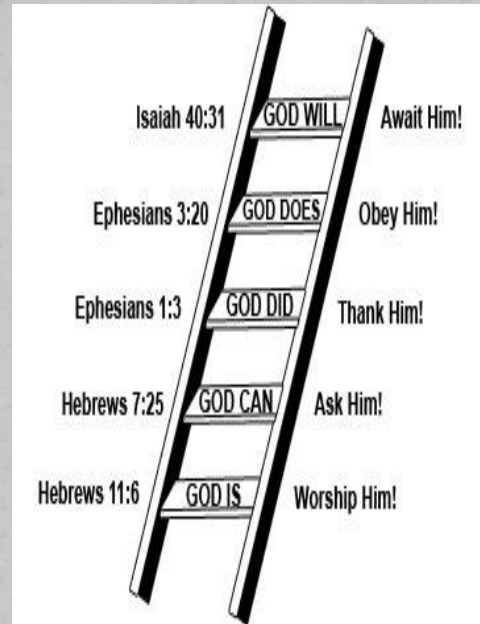
Psalm 40:1,2 NKJV™

5. Grow in acquaintance with God and His glory.

“Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”

Psalm 46:10 NKJV™

C. Prayer Action: Await Him.



1. Give God the time that He desires. Praying in faith means believing that God can. The “prayer of faith” believes that God will.

“But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.”

James 1:6 NKJV™

“And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.”

James 5:15 NKJV™

2. We pray the prayer of faith when we [cast] all our care upon Him.

“...casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”

1 Peter 5:7 NKJV™

We can now restfully praise and thank Him.

3. When you have difficulty in believing that God will, review Steps 1-5 in the Ladder of Faith to find likely reasons.

Conclusion:

1. God's delays allow time for all parts of His answers to get completed.
2. Time spent in waiting on God provides more time to be with Him, to become conformed more to Christ's likeness, and to receive greater answers.

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