

should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me” (Acts 1:4).

8. **We are to wait** until the coming of Jesus Christ. “Be 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” (James 5:7).

Some Principles Of Application

John 15:7 says that we are to "abide" in Jesus and let his Word abide in us.

Psalms 91:1 says that we are to "dwell" in the secret place of the Most High.

James 4:8 says that when we “draw near” to God, He will draw near to us.

Ephesians 6:10 says that we are “to be strong in the Lord” and in the power of his might.

Hebrews 11:6 says that God will reward those who “seek” Him.

How do we do this? We do it though prayer, fasting, thanksgiving, praise, worship, reading, memorizing, meditating on the Word, obeying the Word, and through fellowship with other believ-

ers. Some Examples: (II Chronicles 20:1-29, Matthew 4:1-11, Acts 16:23-34).

When trials come we are tempted to become like Jonah who ran from God and the Word of God. However, we are to **WAIT ON THE LORD!** Before Jesus was tempted of the devil, he fasted and prayed and drew himself close to the Father so that when he was tempted he was able to overcome the devil.

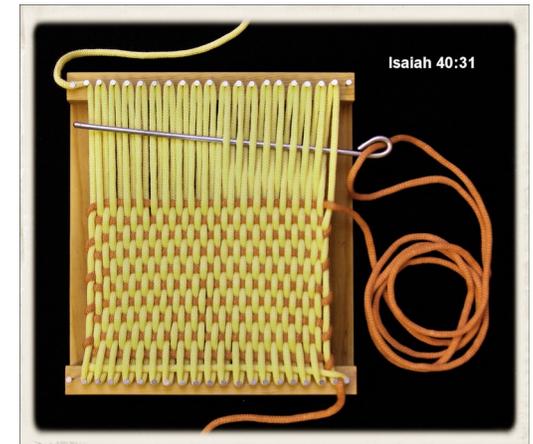
Waiting on the Lord means to **KNIT YOURSELF TO THE LORD WHILE YOU ARE ANTICIPATING GOD TO WORK IN YOUR LIFE.**

The Photo Explanation

The golden cord coming down from the top represents God. The wooden loom with the nails in it represents Jesus, our one mediator with God, the Father. The flesh colored cord starting at the bottom represents Believers. The large loom nettle represents the Holy Spirit who guides Believers in weaving (binding) themselves together with God.

The end woven product is much more beautiful and more stronger than the single flesh colored cord.

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Waiting ... On The Lord

Are you right in the middle of a battle with struggles on every side? Maybe you have tried to fix the problems, but nothing has worked. Maybe you don't sense the presence of God anywhere in the picture. Maybe you feel all alone and helpless. Maybe you are tempted to turn your back upon God, the church, and the Word. Maybe you are being drawn toward the old addictions and escape mechanisms.

You should know that all Believers, no matter how spiritual they are, will at some time face such experiences. So what can you do? The one thing that you can do is to **wait upon the Lord.** However, this does not mean that you just sit there with your legs crossed and your hands in your lap.

“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” (Isaiah 40:31).

The Hebrew word **kaw-vaw'** (Strong's #6960), translated “wait” has the root meaning to be "to bind together". This is the most common Hebrew word translated "wait". It is like taking two strands of thread and twisting or knitting them and making one.

Examples:

"Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause" (Psalm 25:3).

"Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day" (Psalm 25:5).

"Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee" (Psalm 25:21).

"Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD" (Psalm 27:14).

"For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth" (Psalm 37:9).

"And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee" (Psalm 39:7).

"I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning" (Psalm 130:5-6).

"Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee" (Proverbs 20:22).

"Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things" (Jeremiah 14:22).

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

Some People Who Have Waited

1. **Noah** had to wait for a 120 years before the flood came. “And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years” (Genesis 6:3).

2. **Abraham** waited until he was 100 years old before Isaac was born. “And

Abraham was a hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him” (Genesis 21:5).

3. **Moses** was 40 years old when he left Egypt and 80 years old when he returned to lead the people out of Egypt. “And Moses was fourscore years old, and Aaron fourscore and three years old, when they spake unto Pharaoh” (Exodus 7:7).

4. **David** had to wait until he heard the sound in the mulberry trees. “And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines” (II Samuel 5:24).

5. **Joseph** had to wait for 13+ years before his dreams were fulfilled. “... and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth” (Genesis 42:6).

6. **Gideon** had to wait until God whittled down his army before he came against the Midianites. “And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place” (Judges 7:7).

7. **The 120** waited for the Holy Spirit. “And, being assembled together with