

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 30

PSALTERS: 415:1-2 – 154:1-4 – 161:4-9 – 73:1, 5, 6

A. Some common sayings ...

- *To wait is easy for you don't have to do anything for it! Just wait!*
- *I have prayed and prayed for God to convert me. What must I do?*
Answer: *You just need to continue to wait on God that it may happen to you. For you can't really do anything else.*

B. "Waiting on God" remains a challenging subject

- Are unsaved (unregenerate) exhorted to wait on God?
- Is waiting on God an exercise of faith God calls His people to?

C. Background of Is. 30

1. The Assyrian king's armies advancing upon Jerusalem

2. Overview chapter

- a. 1,2: *proclaims 'woe' on them for seeking aid of Egypt*
- b. 3-7: *proclaims that their entire approach is vain/useless*
- c. 8-11: *reminds them that they always have been rebellious*
- d. 12-14: *whole plan will fall like a wall – crumble to dust*
- e. 15-18: *holds out the true way of peace/confidence*
- f. 19-26: *lists the blessings they will receive as they rely on God*
- g. 27-33: *Jehovah promises to be their protector and destroy Ass*

3. Purpose: *to call God's people to wait on God*

A WAITING JEHOVAH AND A WAITING PEOPLE

I. The waiting **of** Jehovah II. The waiting **upon** Jehovah

I. THE WAITING OF JEHOVAH

A. It appears *strange* to speak about *a waiting Jehovah*

- 1. It is language of God's accommodation to level of our understanding
 - a. God's *waiting* is revealing that *there is a set time with God*
 - b. God reminds His people of His reign over all things: Is. 40:9; 52:7
- 2. It is very revealing the word *waiting* is referring to God & His people
 - a. definition of waiting: *eager expectant looking forward to*
 - b. must not be careful *not to take it literal* nor *dismiss as trivial*

B. What does the HOLY ONLY of Israel wait for?

1. 'therefore' links to their sinful choices in vs 15-17

a. they *would not* look to Him (Is. 28:12; Matt. 22:3; 23:37; Luke 15:28; 19:27; John 5:40)

2. the Holy One therefore **waits** to *exercise His gracious promise*

a. His waiting always has a loving and teaching purpose

b. He waits because He is a *God of judgment (wisdom)*

II. WAITING UPON JEHOVAH

A. Isaiah's beatitude on waiting has a *direction & promise* (18b)

1. Who is God speaking to?

a. those who *haven't turned to Egypt's remedy but who look to Him*

b. Are you one of those *who waits upon Jehovah?*

B. If you are such a *waiting soul, then you are blessed*

1. because *true waiting upon the LORD is an **evidence of saving faith***

a. any act of waiting on the LORD is *gift of God's grace of **faith***

2. because *soul waiting on God is an **exercise of saving faith***

a. waiting is defined in vs. 7 and 15

Take-Along ...

A. Be of Good courage, you that wait upon the LORD (Ps. 27:14)

B. Be converted from your evil way and return to God's gracious heart

1. God nowhere tells the unconverted unbelievers to *wait upon Him*

2. God nowhere allows the unsaved to think "*Oh well, I just for it to happen!*"