# Teach Me Lord, to Wait

(Isaiah 40:31)

# Introduction: 1. "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).

- 2. I am terrible at waiting.
- 3. However, beyond the petty things, there are events, circumstances, and seasons in life in which we are commanded to "wait on the Lord."
- 4. But, not only are to commanded to wait on the Lord, we are instructed how to wait on the Lord.
- 5. In this lesson, we will examine how we are to wait on the Lord.

## I. Wait on the Lord, Satisfying Yourself in Him

- A. (Lamentations 3:24).
- B. The Hebrew word that is translated "hope" in some translations is translated as "wait" in many others.
- C. The Lord is our portion, he should be enough.
- D. (2 Corinthians 12:9).
- E. (Philippians 4:11-13).
- F. (Matthew 5:6).

### II. Wait on the Lord, Serving Him

- A. (Lamentations 3:25).
- B. This passage employs Hebrew parallelism, meaning that the way you wait for the Lord is equated with seeking him.
- C. If the living knew what the dead know, they would find themselves in a frantic search of God.
- D. (Acts 20:35; Ephesians 2:10).

### III. Wait on the Lord Silently

- A. (Lamentations 3:26).
- B. (Psalm 62:5).
- C. Don't question the character of God and charge him foolishly.
- D. Don't lose your influence by your loud complaining about your circumstances.
- E. (Isaiah 53:7).
- Conclusion: 1. Let's realize that we must all wait on the Lord at some time in our lives.
  - 2. And when we are called upon to wait, let us wait in the manner God wants us to wait.
  - 3. When we honor his will, our season of waiting will not only strengthen our faith, but will be a testimony of our faith to others.