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**THE SURE WORD by Jonnie Hutchison**

**WAITING ON THE LORD**

By inspiration of the Holy Spirit the Psalmist wrote, “Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!” (, Psalms 27:14). We humans are often very impatient. Most of us do not like to wait whether it is in the check-out line at a store, or in the waiting room at a doctor’s office or even at a stoplight at an intersection. Most folks want what they want, and they want it now! Yet, refusing to wait often leads to hasty mistakes. Have you ever said or heard someone say, “If I had only waited just a little longer, things would have turned out differently?”

Why does the Bible tell us to “wait on the Lord?” Friends, God is not governed or restricted by time in the same sense as we. He is eternal and He is a Spirit, not flesh and blood (Deut. 33:27; John 4:24). The Bible reminds us “that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day” (2 Peter 3:8). God created time and uses it in fulfilling His plan for man’s salvation from sin. When the time was right, He sent Jesus, His only begotten Son, into the world for our redemption (Galatians 4:4). When the time is right, He will send His Son to judge the world in righteousness (Acts 17:30-31; 1 Timothy 6:14-15). This He will do according to His timetable, not ours. Our responsibility is summed up in the words of James 5:7-8 “Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.”

As we “wait on the Lord” we should do so with courage knowing that the Lord provides through His word the strength we need to persevere. Remember, “He is longsuffering and not willing that any should perish, but that all come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). Someone has written, “our willingness to wait reveals the value we place on the object for which we are waiting.” Eternal life will certainly be worth waiting on the Lord with both courage and patience.

We will conduct drive-in worship services Sunday morning, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Green Plain church of Christ in the north parking lot at 3980 Murray Paris Road, Hazel, KY. Visitors are welcome. Set your FM radio to 88.3 MHz Thanks for reading and may God bless you consistent with His will.