

Verses to Wait With

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What work is being done in us, as we wait?

CONSTANCY

- Job 14:14: All the days of my appointed time will I wait, until my change comes.
- Psalms 130:5-6: I wait for Adonai, my soul waits, and in God's word do I hope. My soul waits for Adonai more than the watchmen wait for the morning. I say: more than they who watch wait for the morning.
- Isaiah 8:17: I will wait upon Adonai, who hides the Divine face from the house of Jacob. I will hope and wait for God.

PROTECTION

- Isaiah 49:23: They shall not be ashamed who wait for Me.
- Psalms 33:20,22: Our soul waited for Adonai. God is our help and our shield. Let your steadfast lovingkindness be upon us, even as we wait and hope in you.

INSIGHT

- Psalms 25:5: Lead me in Your truth, and teach me – You, the God of my salvation; for You do I wait all the day.

DEPTH

- Psalms 38:7-9: Truly every person, even in his best state, is vanity. Surely every person walks in a vain show. Surely we are disquieted in vain. We heap up riches, and do not know who will gather them. And now, Adonai, what do I wait for? My hope is in you. Deliver me from all my transgressions.

INTEGRITY

- Psalms 25:21: Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait on You.
- Hosea 12:7: Therefore, turn you to your God. Keep mercy and justice, and wait on your God continually.

ENERGY

- Isaiah 40:31: They who wait on Adonai shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings, as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.

COURAGE

- Psalms 27:14: Wait on Adonai, Be of good courage and God will strengthen your heart. Wait and hope (*kaveh*) in Adonai.

PATIENCE

- Psalms 37:7-9: Rest in Adonai, and wait patiently for Him: don't fret yourself because of someone who prospers through bringing wicked devices to pass.... For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait on Adonai shall inherit the earth.
- Proverbs 27:18: Whoever keeps a fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof, and one who waits (*veshomer*) on his Master shall be honored.
- Habakuk 2:3: For the vision is yet for an appointed time, and it speaks concerning the End, and does not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will surely come; it will not be late.

CONNECTION TO GOD AS WE WAIT

- Isaiah 33:2: O, Adonai, be gracious to us. We have waited for you. Be You our arm every morning, our salvation also in time of trouble.
- Micha 7:7: Therefore I will look unto Adonai. I will wait (*ochilah*) for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me.
- Isaiah 26:8: Yea, in the way of Your judgments, Adonai, have we waited for You; the desire of our soul is Your name and the remembrance of You.
- Psalms 40:1: I surely waited (*kavo kiveeti*) for Adonai; God inclined to me and heard my cry.

RELIANCE ON GOD

- Psalms 62:1-7: Truly, my soul waits in silence, only upon on God, from Whom comes my salvation....My soul waits in silence (*dohmee nafshi*) only upon God, for my hope (*teekvati*) is from God.

GRATITUDE

- Psalms 52: 10-11: I trust in God's lovingkindness and grace forever and ever. I will praise You forever, because of what You have done, and I will wait on Your name, for it is good before those who love You.

LETTING GO & FORGIVENESS

- Proverbs 20:22: Do not say, "I will repay evil," but wait on Adonai, and God will save you.
- Psalms 130:3-4: If You, Yah, should maintain and mark all our sins, who could stand? But there is forgiveness in you, that you may be revered. I wait for you, God; my soul waits, and in God's word do I hope.

TRUST

- Lamentations 3:21f: This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope: Adonai's lovingkindness and grace never cease, and God's compassion never ends. They are new every morning. Great is Your faithfulness! "Adonai is my portion," says my soul, therefore will I hope in God. Adonai [is] good to those who wait for Him, to the soul of one who seeks Him. [It is] good to hope quietly for the salvation of Adonai.

READYING TO RECEIVE

- Isaiah 25:9: And it shall be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God, for Whom we have waited. God will save us. This is Adonai, for Whom we have waited. We will be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.
- Isaiah 64:3: For since the beginning of time, no one has heard, nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen, O God, besides You, what You will do for one who waits for You...
- Daniel 12:12: Happy is the one who waits and arrives [to the final days].

QUESTIONS - SETTING YOUR INTENTION

- How will you choose to wait this year?
- What will you do with your resistance to waiting?
- What will you do with your resistance to taking action?
- Will waiting be a signal for hope (as it is in the Hebrew language), or for something else?