

## **“How Then, Will We Live?”**

### **Part 8: “Learning the Meaning of Waiting on God!”**

Previously on HTWWL... Seeing what it means to unlock our kingdom potential for our times! *Open arms* for the people in our new demographics... but *shielded* against spiritual shifts and compromises! *Revving up* our hearts, *demonstrating our soundness* in Jesus, for new political reality! *Standing in faith, speaking out hope, reaching with open hands* in our sorrow-filled times! *Rightly humbled* by assessing ourselves by God’s will, His word and His Son... *for lifetime motivation and service activation!*

**Guilt-humility, duty- humility, won’t keep you active long, but Perfect-love humility fuels a lifetime!**

**All those things...** *Open arms... shields up* against spiritual shifts and compromises... *Revved up* hearts, *demonstrating our soundness* in Jesus... *A stand of faith, speaking out hope, reaching with open hands...* *Rightly humbled for lifetime motivation and service activation...* They all have to work at home first!

**From the OT foundation Gen 1.26-31 to the NT platform 1Tim3.1-13 vital ministry flows from healthy family!**

Then we came to Jonah’s Case... *Saw that a man/woman of God... Can be so self-ruled (the height of conceit) and disobedient that we can deny God’s claim to our lives!* “I’m called to speak for you, stand for you, but I’m not going to do it!” *Can forget who God is, reshaping Him into an image of our own making!* “I will get away from Him and go where He can’t find me or get a hold of me!” *Can be so deceived that we think we can get away from our calling!* “God will get someone else to do it!” *Can become so callous that we don’t care about/OR LIKE perishing people!* Those close by, hurt, afraid, perishing! Then 60,000 people whose judgment was about to fall... *Can minister to multitudes effectively and still maintain a bad attitude!* 60,000 salvations should have had an effervescent effect! *Can minister as a task and never obtain a minister’s heart!* One agenda: to seek and save/lost!

**Life can go very wrong for a person who isn’t open to and prepared for a lifetime of willing obedience to minister to their world... Especially when we share Jonah’s sins: self-rule (conceit), disobedience, and prejudice!**

**How Then Will We Live? Like Jesus. Not Jonah. Without prejudice!**

Jesus loved “publicans and sinners,” and, the spiritually blind, prejudiced, religious, community like Simon the Pharisee! Our study of NT Simon the Pharisee showed us that the same sins of Jonah are alive in us today... without transformation!

**How Then Will We Live? Like Jesus. Not Jonah. Not Simon. Without prejudice! With obedience!**

**Like Jesus... Case Points!** “Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from me: *but it’s not my determination, choice or desire that’s central here, it’s Yours!*” **Luke 22.42** “The Son can do nothing of Himself but what He sees the Father do! *What He does I do!*” **John 5.19** “I do nothing of Myself! *As I hear, I judge* and My judgment is just because I seek not My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me!” v30

**Case Points!** “*I do nothing of Myself but as My Father has taught Me, I speak those things!* And He that sent Me is with Me, He has not left Me on My own for I always do the things that please Him... *and as He spoke those words many believed on Him!*” **John 8.28-30** “The words I speak, I don’t speak of Myself, *but the proof of that is that the Father who dwells in Me is working thru Me!*” **John 14.10**

**How Then Will We Live? Applications...** *We learn the meaning of waiting on God! Natural men have an aversion to waiting!* Too impatient to wait long! (time) Don’t like the “hand-and-foot” concept!

(indulgent servitude) **Our definitions of “waiting” do not apply...** God is never late. We are premature! He doesn't need our personal service! **Spiritual people wait...** To hear what He has to say! To let God lead the way! To receive all His benefits, *daily!*

**Grace-full Asides...** “Blessed be the Lord who daily loads us with benefits...” **Ps 68.19** “Bless the Lord, O' my soul and forget not all His benefits...” **Ps 103.2** “And what will I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord, I will fulfill my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all His people. I am Your servant – You have loosed my bonds. I will offer You the sacrifice of thanksgiving! **Ps 116.12-17**

**Benefits...** “Rest in the Lord, and wait-patiently for Him... *do not fret...* it only causes harm.” **Ps 37.7,8** “Go silent before the Lord, wait (chuw! to spin, dance), do not allow yourself to get worked up... “Those that wait on the Lord *will inherit the earth!* **v9** “Wait on the Lord and keep His way, and *He will exalt you to inherit the land when the wicked and their schemes are cut off...* mark *the mature and upright man, for his end is peace!* **v34,37** “Wait on the Lord and *He will save you!*” **Prov 20.22** “The Lord is a God of judgment, *blessed are all those who wait for Him!*” **Is30.18** “Those that wait on the Lord *will renew their strength!* They will run *and not be weary* they will walk *and not faint!*” **Is40.31** “I am the Lord! They will not be ashamed that wait for me. *Will the prey be taken from the mighty?*” **Is49.23** “*It's good that a man should hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.*” **Lam3.26**

**And just in Case...** And the Lord is the One *who will go before you;* He will *be with you,* He will *not fail you or ever forsake you:* don't be afraid or dismayed. **Deut 31.8** I will go before you *and make the crooked places straight:* I will *break in pieces* the gates of brass, and *cut apart* the bars of iron. And *I will give you the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places,* that *you may know that I, the Lord,* which calls you by name, *am your God.* **Is45.2,3**

“Don't be afraid. Stand still and see the salvation of God... for the Lord will fight for you and you will hold your peace!” **Ex14.13,14**

**Applications... Recognize the superiority of God! Of His wisdom! Omniscience! Of His view!**

Omnipresence! “As the eyes of the servant looks to the hand of his master and the eyes of the maidens looks to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes wait on the Lord!” **Ps123.2** “Ask counsel of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous.” **Judges 18.5**

**Applications... Realize/actualize the power that comes from His words and His way! When we wait on Him, listening, we judge with “just judgment...” “Spiritual men judge all things...” 1Cor2.13-16, 6.3**  
**When we do and say the things He says people believe on Him! John 8.30** “The word that comes from My mouth will not return to Me void, but it will accomplish that which I please, and it will prosper in the thing where I sent it.” **Is 55.11** **When we wait on Him, He validates the calling and the ministry we have been given in Christ!** “signs and wonders follow those who believe!” **Mk 16.17** “If I do not the works of my Father, don't believe me. But if I do, believe that the Father *is* in me, and I in him.” **J10.37**

**How Then Will We Live? Like Jesus. Not anyone else. Waiting on God. For direction and power and validation.**