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### **Study Time Suggestions for this series**

When you see a yellow light or sign, it always means that it would be wise to slow down, to look around, and to listen. That is exactly the pattern that will guide you through these lessons most effectively.

- **STOP** In this busy world and in your busy life, it isn't easy to slow down, but it is a good thing to do. Take time to find a quiet place where you can focus on The One who waits for you and on His Word to you. The suggested Scripture verses and thoughts will help you to clear your mind and open your heart to the Lord so that you can hear His voice and experience His presence through His Holy Spirit.
- LOOK Here is your opportunity to study, to think, to imagine, and to learn. You may be surprised to discover that God will actually give you insight, encouragement, and new thoughts, as you meditate upon His Word alone. Save the commentaries and other resource materials until you have had adequate time to absorb from the Bible alone the lessons that God may want to give to you. Try reading these familiar Bible stories in a variety of translations and several times during each week, so that you have had an opportunity to really look at them from many different angles and perspectives and to think about their significance.
- **LISTEN** It is not easy to slow down and to look carefully at the details, but it is even harder to wait and to listen. It will take discipline and practice, but the rewards will make it worth the effort. Let God enable you to "wait on Him" in quietness and confidence until you have felt Him enfold you in His love and compassion and then you will be blessed.

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### WAIT ON THE LORD - "The Big Picture"

Wait on the Lord. Be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart.

Wait, I say, on the LORD!

Psalm 27: 14

What kind of a driver are you? Some people slow down when they know that the light is going to change to yellow and they do not risk being in the intersection when it might be unsafe. Other people speed up so that they will not experience any more delays in their busy schedule. Still others rush through at the last second, just as the change to red is occurring. A flashing yellow light means slow down, be alert, and cautious. Just as there are rules for the road, God has given us some guidelines for life. One of them that is often repeated throughout the Bible is very much like a yellow light — slow down and wait on the Lord. It is only as we heed this advice, that we will really be able to know God, to walk in His ways, and to enjoy His presence each day. So what kind of a driver are you — not on the road, but in life?

STOP – Before you rush into this lesson, take some time to think about this One who is calling your name and asking you to quietly reflect on your relationship to Him. Who is He? Why do you love Him?

Read Psalm 27 slowly and thoughtfully. Do some of the Psalmist's experiences express your own?

Let Jesus speak to you as you re-read the Psalm and bring you the reassurance of His desires for you and what He would like to teach you about Himself as you learn what it means to wait on Him.

LOOK – The following verses are a sample of the many times in Scripture that God tell us about the importance of "waiting on the Lord". In the Old Testament there are 4 different Hebrew words which can be translated "to wait". These words also can have the following meanings: hope, wait expectantly, look patiently or eagerly, trust, long for, or tarry or rest quietly. In the New Testament there are 3 Greek words which have the concept of waiting, but can be translated as expect, look for, wait for, await, or anticipate the arrival of. This will be helpful to know as you read these verses in various translations which may use any of the alternate but similar words to "wait". Write down your impressions as you read these verses.

Psalm 27: 14	Isaiah 25: 9
Psalm 31: 24	Isaiah 26: 8 - 9
Psalm 33: 18 – 22	Isaiah 40: 27 - 31
Psalm 39: 7 – 8	Lamentations 3: 24 - 26
Psalm 40: 1 – 3	Acts 1: 4 - 5
Psalm 62: 5 – 6	Romans 8: 23 - 25
Psalm 130: 5 – 6	Romans 15: 4 - 6
Psalm 145: 14 – 15	Galatians 3: 20 - 21

- 1. What do you think that God wants you to grasp from "the big picture" of what the Bible has to say about "waiting on the Lord"? What does it mean? What are the results? How do you do it?
- 2. Wait quietly in the presence of the Lord. Listen for His still small voice for a few minutes as you contemplate His written Word. What is He saying to you today?

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### WAITING ON THE LORD - IT'S ALL ABOUT HIM, not me!

Truly my soul silently waits for God. From Him comes my salvation.

He only is my rock and my salvation. He is my defense. I shall not be greatly moved. Psalm 62:1 - 2

"The one object for which God gave life to creatures was that in them He might prove and show forth His wisdom, power, and goodness, in His being each moment their life and happiness, and pouring forth unto them, according to their capacity, the riches of His goodness and power. And just as this is the very place and nature of God, to be unceasingly the supplier of every want in the creature, so the very place and nature of the creature is nothing but this – to wait upon God and receive from Him what He alone can give, what He delights to give." (Waiting on God by Andrew Murray) How does this view of God line up with your beliefs?

**STOP** — Your view of who God is and what He is like will determine whether or not you want to "wait on Him" in all the circumstances and decisions that come to you. This would be a good time to read Psalm 145 and make a list of the characteristics which you have found to be true of God and also to discover ones which you might question or doubt.

**LOOK** –Ten good reasons why it is wise to "wait on the Lord".

1.	II Samuel 22: 31 – 37	(David)

2. II Chronicles 6: 12 – 21 (Solomon)

3. Psalm 91

4. Isaiah 30: 18 (Isaiah)

5. Lamentations 3: 22 – 26 (Jeremiah)

**6.** John 14: 23 – 27 (Jesus)

**7.** Ephesians 2: 4 – 10

8. Philippians 1: 3-6

**9.** Colossians 1: 9 - 14

10. James 5: 7-8

- 1. What do you think that God wants you to grasp from these verses about who He is and what He wants from you?
- 2. Write an expanded explanation of what it could mean for someone to really "wait on the Lord". How would this change their view of trust, hope, confidence, peace, security, joy, patience?
- 3. Wait quietly in the presence of the Lord. Listen for His still small voice for a few minutes as you contemplate what He wants to assure you of today. Is it His deep love, His care, His power, His presence? What is it that you need to know so that you will be able to rest and wait on Him?

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#### WAITING ON THE LORD - with faith

Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my sighing.

Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

Morning by morning, O LORD, you hear my voice.

Morning by morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Psalm 5: 1 – 3

**STOP** – The Psalmist knew how to focus on His God – Psalm 5: 1 – 3. Notice carefully what he believed about the Lord. There is an interesting balance between emotional honesty and trust, isn't there? How about you? When you pray, where is your focus and in whom is your faith? Are you able to "wait with expectation"? Why or why not?

**LOOK** – Genesis 21: 32 – Genesis 22: 19 – A glimpse into the life of Abraham

Don't rely on your memory of this story, but look carefully at these verses as you try to answer these questions. Use some different translations for additional insight.

- 1. What is Abraham's dilemma?
- 2. What is Abraham's relationship to God?
- 3. What are some of Abraham's choices? Be realistic and honest. What would you be thinking?
  - -When He hears God's voice?
  - -During the night hours
  - -In the morning
  - -As he talks with his son, Isaac
  - -As he builds the altar
  - -As he takes the knife
- 4. What sustained Abraham as he "waited on the Lord"?
- 5. What was the result for Abraham, for Isaac, and for his descendants?
- 6. How is Abraham remembered in Scripture? How do these verses add to your understanding of His willingness to wait and trust God?

Genesis 15: 5 – 6 Romans 4: 1 – 3, 12, 18 - 25 Genesis 17: 19 Hebrews 6: 15

Genesis 17: 19 Hebrews 6: 15
Genesis 21: 1 - 5 Hebrews 11: 17

- 1. When you "hear God's voice", how likely are you to "get up the next morning" and obey? What keeps us from having the kind of response that Abraham had?
- 2. Wait quietly in the presence of the Lord. Listen for His still small voice as He comes to you, calling your name, and giving you some clear instructions or a promise. Or both. Wait for Him...

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### **WAITING ON THE LORD – with anticipation**

Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed . . . Show me Your ways, O LORD. Teach me Your paths.

Lead me in Your truth & teach me, for You are the God of my salvation. On You I wait all the day.

Psalm 25: 3 - 5

**STOP** – Psalm 25 explains many reasons why it is good to wait on the Lord – to put your hope in Him and to fear Him. How much of this Psalm has been your experience and is your prayer for the future?

**LOOK** – Genesis 6: 5 – Genesis 9: 17 – A glimpse into the life of Noah.

Do you think human nature was much the same then as it is now? Did Noah and the patriarchs and the kings experience the same temptations and emotions that we do? We know that their life span was very different than ours and certainly it is impossible for us to imagine their circumstances and culture with any degree of accuracy, and yet Scripture tells us that all of these historical stories are recorded for us so that we can learn from both their failures and their faith. There may not be any Biblical story more familiar to people than the one about the ark, the animals and one incredible family, so try to read it with open eyes and an open heart.

- 1. What did God ask Noah to do? What were the circumstances?
- 2. What was Noah's relationship to God? Put these descriptions in to your own words.
- 3. What were some of Noah's choices? What about Mrs. Noah and the 3 sons? When he hears the voice of God telling him to build the ark? During the many months of labor and construction? When he thinks about and finally takes the animals and his family into the ark? During the 40 days of the storm and the 150 days of waiting for the waters to recede?
- 4. What sustained Noah as he waited on the Lord during these many months? When he could have chosen fear, embarrassment, anxiety, age (?), as excuses, what motivated him?
- 5. When the waiting period was over, what was Noah's first response? Scripture records for us many conversations that God had with Noah about His covenant and His promise, but how do you think Noah (and maybe his wife and children) responded? What clues do you have in Scripture?
- 6. How is Noah remembered in Scripture? Do these verses add to your understanding of his willingness to wait and trust the Lord?

Hebrews 11: 7 II Peter 2: 4 – 10

- 1. How does Abraham's story (lesson 3) differ from Noah's story? How is it similar? Can you put yourself in Noah's place, and also his wife and family, and imagine some of their interaction and conversations?
- 2. Wait quietly in the presence of the Lord. Listen for His still small voice as He comes to you, calling you by name. Does He want to walk with you through some new places or to help you take some new risks by faith as you learn to wait on Him?

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### **WAITING ON THE LORD – with courage**

Love the LORD, all His saints!

The LORD preserves the faithful, but the proud He pays back in full.

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in (wait on) the Lord.

Psalm 31: 23 - 24

**STOP** — Take some time to read Joshua 1: 1 — 9. The Lord gave Joshua some very specific instructions before He sent him to lead the people across the Jordan River and in to face the enemies that lived in the land of promise. What are the promises and guidelines that God gave to this leader? How would these promises help him when it came time for battle against the enemy? How about you? What promises help you to face your "enemies"?

#### LOOK - Read Joshua 4: 29 - 34 and Joshua 5: 13 - Joshua 8: 2

All too often we imagine these Old Testament heroes to be superhuman in some way so that their stories do not seriously impact us. We convince ourselves that they had powers or faith or abilities which we do not have because God came to them visibly and audibly. Think about that rationalization carefully before you agree with it. What resources do we have now that were not available to them? What more do we need?

- 1. Joshua was leading "the next generation" across the Jordan and He wanted to make His purposes very clear to them. What were they? (4:29 34) How would this experience help Joshua and the Israelites?
- 2. Notice Joshua's response to the messenger that was sent to him. What kind of attitude does this indicate?
- 3. When God gave Joshua the battle plan, he might have called it "Walking and Waiting". What were some of Joshua's choices?
  - As he announced the plan day by day to the people
  - As he listened to their conversations each night around the "camp fire"
  - As he lived life on day 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and then 7
- 4. Notice Joshua's instructions on day 7. Who was to get the credit and glory for this victory? To whom did the spoil belong? Why would this be important?
- 5. How quickly victory turned to defeat for the Israelites. Why? To whom did Joshua turn and what was his heartfelt response? Why do you think Achan received such a dramatic punishment for his actions?
- 6. What impresses you most about Joshua's life and actions and His relationship to His God?

#### LISTEN

- 1. Joshua had been in training for 40 years under the leadership of Moses while the Israelites "wandered in the wilderness". He and Caleb had been obedient to God (Deuteronomy 1: 19 38) and he knew that someday he and his comrade, Caleb, would be the only ones of their generation to go into the land of promise. How do you think he survived/thrived during those long years? What does his story make you think about?
- 2. Wait quietly in the presence of the Lord. Is there something that you have anticipated for many long years? Is there anything that you need to confess? Let the Lord reassure you that He hears your prayers and that "waiting on Him" always makes the wait worthwhile.

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### WAITING ON THE LORD - with patience

Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him.

Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

Those who wait on the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. Psalm 37: 7 and 9

**STOP** — There are times when it is tempting to look at the success and pleasure that others who totally disregard God are experiencing and it can cause us to doubt some of the choices that we have made. As you read Psalm 37, truth will once again be brought into your mind and your heart. Take some time to focus on what God promises to those you will trust and commit their way to Him, resting in His Word and humbly waiting on Him.

#### LOOK - Read I Samuel 1: 1 - I Samuel 2: 11

When you read the story of Hannah, it is very clear that she was a woman who was devoted to God. She went with her husband to worship and she prayed. In fact, she poured out her distress and desires before the Lord, but she remained barren and continued to endure the comments of her rival. Then one day, through the encouragement of Eli, her attitude changed and "in the course of time", God answered her prayer. What do you think made the difference for Hannah?

- 1. Why was Hannah so discouraged? Is this emotional state compatible with trust and hope?
- 2. How does Hannah demonstrate the idea of "waiting on the Lord"?
- 3. After the birth of Samuel, Hannah remembered her promise to God. What sustained her and enabled her to actually keep that promise?
- 4. Imagine yourself in Hannah's place. She has just left her very young son, a gift from God, at the temple. Her focus could easily have been on herself and her loss or grief or concerns, but it is not. It is on the Lord. What do you notice about her prayer? What does she include in it? Can you find the words "I" or "me" in her prayer?
- 5. The rest of the story how would you write Hannah's biography if you were to imagine it?

- 1. Do you think "praying to God" is the same as "waiting on God"? What do you think is the difference and/or the relationship between these two actions? Or is one an action and one an attitude? How does Hannah demonstrate the importance of both of them?
- 2. Consider these thoughts as you listen to the LORD —

  "All the exercises of the spiritual life, our reading and praying, our willing and doing, have their very great value. But they can go no farther than this, that they point the way and prepare us in humility to look to and to depend alone upon God Himself, and in patience to wait His good time and mercy. The waiting is to teach us our absolute dependence upon God's mighty working, and to make us in perfect patience place ourselves at His disposal. " (Waiting on God by Andrew Murray, p. 24)

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#### **WAITING ON THE LORD – with conviction**

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

**STOP** — Do you need some encouragement today? Some assurance from the LORD that He is totally aware of your situation and your concerns? Then Isaiah 40: 27 — 31 has been recorded just for you. Simply put your own name in verse 27 and then let God's Word soak into your mind and your heart until you know that He has met with you and His strength will enable you to move forward. Are you ready to walk, perhaps to run, and maybe even to fly — as you wait on the LORD?

### LOOK - Read I Kings 18

Here are some things that you might want to know. Ahab was an evil king – I Kings 16: 29 – 33 Elijah met with Ahab and predicted a severe drought – I Kings 17: 1 God prepared Elijah - I Kings 17: 2 – 24. These experiences no doubt increased his confidence and convictions.

- 1. When the word of the Lord came to Elijah that he was to go and meet with Ahab again, what were his options? What do you think he was thinking as he took that walk and met up with Obadiah?
- 2. Obadiah "a devout believer in the LORD" was in a very strategic place, wasn't he? What was occupying his mind as he went to see the king and watched the events of that day. What can you learn from the character and faith of this man?
- 3. Elijah seemed to be fearless as he faced King Ahab and put forth his challenge. What would enable him to be so daring and so courageous?
- 4. How did Elijah make his faith clear to everyone? How do you think Elijah felt while he was waiting for that small rain cloud to appear? What were his choices and how did he make them?
- 5. BONUS READING and QUESTION I Kings 19: 1 18. After this enormous victory, this great man of faith had to run away and hide from the outrage of the queen. He desperately needed rest and food and to recover from the "pity party of one" that he was now attending. Because he was willing to listen and to follow God's word to him, how did God meet him and open up a new path for him?

### **LISTEN**

- 1. All of us, that is every one of us, has life experiences, challenges, and change that can take us from the highs of victory, success and great faith to the lows of defeat, loneliness, and doubt. Where do you think you are on this emotional and spiritual spectrum right now? As you look at the life of Elijah, what lessons do you think that God might want you to consider?
- 2. What it would it mean for you to "wait on the LORD" who does not faint or grow weary? Isaiah 40 : 28 31 Remember those synonyms for wait trust, hope in, look for, eagerly anticipate.

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### WAITING ON THE LORD - with peace

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.

Yes, in the way of Your judgments, O LORD, we have waited for You.

The desire of our soul is for Your name and for the remembrance of You. Isaiah 26: 3 and 8

**STOP** – The words of the familiar old hymn remind us of the truths in theses verses in Isaiah, don't they? "Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blessed.

Finding as He promised, perfect peace and rest".

There is no one who is totally exempt from the temptations of worry, anxiety and fear. So, why don't you admit your need and spend time focusing on THE ONE who can bring His peace in to your mind and your heart. What/who is bigger - your concern or your God? Read Isaiah 26:1-13.

#### **LOOK** – Read Daniel 1 through 6.

- As a young man, what were some of Daniel's most outstanding qualities or characteristics?
   Where was Daniel's heart at that time?
- 2. Why do you think God gave Daniel special abilities to interpret the dreams of the king? What were the results of his interpretations? To whom did Daniel consistently give the credit?
- 3. What choices did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego have? As a result of their choice to trust in God, they experienced an amazing miracle? What impact did this make? What are your observations?
- 4. What choices did Daniel have as he faced his accusers in Daniel 6? What gave him his strength and courage? What do you find admirable about Daniel in this story?
- 5. What do you think Daniel would advise the generations to follow about "waiting on the Lord"? How do you see him exemplifying this concept for us?
- 6. How is Daniel remembered in the rest of Scripture? Hebrews 11: 32 34

#### LISTEN -

- 1. As you review the story of Daniel, make a list of all of the verses that point to his humility, his faith, his courage, and his dependence on his God. What do you think God would like you to learn from Daniel's story?
- 2. Make a time line of the some of the significant times in your own life when God has been your protector, your counselor, or has given you a special measure of His peace in difficult situations.
- 3. Can you hear the voice of God quietly pointing out what He would like to do for you today as you trust in Him? Is there anything that is keeping you from hearing His voice?

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### WAITING ON THE LORD - with hope

(But it is O.K. to cry)

Because of the LORD'S great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail.

They are new every morning. Great is Your faithfulness.

I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore, I will wait for Him"

It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. Lamentations 3: 22 – 24 and 26

**STOP** - The Book of Lamentations was written by the prophet, Jeremiah, as a deep and emotional expression of the grief and sorrow that he felt for the national tragedy that the people of Israel were experiencing because of their rejection of the Living God. Poetically he describes the horrendous situation of Jerusalem as the Babylonians destroy the city and wreak havoc for the children of Israel. The darkness is intense, but God's prophet brings into that devastation a reminder of God's love and faithfulness – a tiny light to illuminate a very dark place. Perhaps you are presently experiencing an emotional upheaval or a dark time in your life. Could this same truth bring hope to you or to some dear ones whom you know? Read Lamentations 21 – 26 again – and again.

#### LOOK - Read Lamentations 3: 19 - 33

- 1. Find all of the phrases that describe the LORD in these verses.
- 2. How does the writer describe his own condition? Why is he so downcast Lamentations Chapters 1 3?
- 3. What does the writer suggest doing to remedy depression, despair and grief?

  Take each of these phrases in verses 21 26 and re-write them in your own words.
- 4. What do you think "The LORD is my portion" means? How would this relate to "waiting for Him"?

Psalm 73: 26

Psalm 119: 57

Psalm 142: 5

5. What do you think the word "salvation" might refer to in Lamentations 3: 26? What do the words, *call to mind, hope, wait,* and *seek,* have in common? What are the differences?

- 1. Jeremiah had deep feelings about the faithfulness and love of the LORD based on many years of knowing Him and willingly obeying Him Jeremiah 1. Can you identify in some way with Jeremiah? How has God shown you His love compassion and given you hope in the past?
- 2. Wait quietly. It is good. Wait for "the salvation of the LORD". Is He your portion? Is He enough? Listen for His voice and know that He is God and there is no other. He will show you His compassion.

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#### **WAITING ON THE LORD – with confidence**

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you. He rises to show you compassion.

For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him! Isaiah 30: 18

Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished. Luke 1: 45

**STOP** – What do you think it means to be "blessed"? We often ask God for His blessing on certain events. We pray that He will bless those whom we love. We desire to be blessed ourselves. There are 2 clues in the theme verses. After you have looked at the following verses, write your own explanation of what you now believe being blessed really means and then pause to ask God "to bless you" as you study His Word.

 Psalm 2: 12b
 Psalm 84: 5 - 7

 Psalm 32: 1- 2
 Psalm 89: 15

 Psalm 34: 8
 Psalm 112: 1

 Psalm 40: 4
 Psalm 119: 1 - 2

**LOOK** – Read Luke 1: 26 – 56 and Luke 2: 1 – 21

- 1. When the angel surprised Mary and talked with her about the future, what were her choices? How did she respond? Why do you think she had this response?
- 2. Try to imagine the scene when Mary arrived at Elizabeth's home as they shared together their rather unbelievable news. What did Elizabeth have to say to Mary? Do you think this affirmation from a godly, older woman would have been reassuring to her?
- 3. As Mary sings her song, what impresses you about the content of it?
- 4. Mary recalls God's promise to Abraham and to his descendants. What was that promise?

Genesis 12: 1 – 7 Genesis 18: 17 – 19 Genesis 23: 15 – 18

Does this fulfillment of a promise given centuries before give you any insight on what it might mean to "wait on the Lord"?

5. What can you learn from Mary's response to the story of the shepherds?

#### LISTEN -

- 1. Mary, an ordinary young Jewish woman, was blessed and chosen by the LORD, not because she deserved it, but in the providence of God, to be the mother of the Lord Jesus. Do you believe that God sees and knows you personally and specifically? Read Psalm 139: 13 18 and let God's Spirit reassure you of your important place in His plan.
- 2. Elizabeth said it. Mary experienced it. "Nothing is impossible with God" Luke 1: 37. Are you willing to wait on Him?

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#### WAITING FOR THE MESSIAH

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, ©2010 by Marilyn Miller ©2010 by Marilyn Miller

waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. Luke 2: 25

It had been centuries of waiting for the people of Israel. Centuries of wondering. Centuries of hoping and trusting. Would God keep His promise and send The Messiah? The One who would set up the throne of David and establish His Kingdom? There were always the faithful few who did not forget the LORD their God and who continued to walk in His ways, keeping His command to love Him with all their heart and soul and mind and strength. And only those few were prepared to recognize this Savior when God did keep His promise. Those few had never stopped waiting and watching because they believed God. How complicated is that?

**STOP** – Ponder these words from Andrew Murray in his book Waiting on God, p. 50.

"At our first entrance into the school of waiting upon God, the heart is mainly set on the blessings which we wait for. God graciously uses our needs and desires for help to educate us for something higher than we were thinking of. We were seeking gifts; He, the Giver, longs to give Himself and to satisfy the soul with His goodness. It is just for this reason that He often withholds the gifts, and that the time of waiting is made so long. He is constantly seeking to win the heart of His child for Himself. He wishes that we would not only say, when He bestows the gift, "How good is God!" but that long before it comes, and even if it never comes, we should all the time be experiencing: it is good that a man should quietly wait. "The LORD is good unto them that wait for Him."

So is it His gifts or the Giver for which you wait most often?

**LOOK** - Read Luke 2: 25 - 40

- 1. What kind of a man was Simeon? What can you learn from him about the value of "watching and waiting"?
- 2. What kind of a woman was Anna? After seeing the long awaited "redeemer", what was her response?
- 3. What do you think it would have been like for these two elderly people to actually see the Messiah? What did they understand about His role in history and who He was?

Isaiah 6: 6 – 7
Isaiah 11: 1 – 5
Isaiah 53

BONUS STUDY - Here are a few of the Old Testament prophecies about Jesus' birth. How were they fulfilled?

Genesis 3: 15 and Galatians 4: 4 Genesis 12: 3 and Matthew 1:1 Genesis 49: 10 and Luke 3: 33 Isaiah 9: 7 and Luke 1: 32 – 33

Psalm 45: 6 - 7 & 102: 24 - 27 and Hebrews 1: 8 - 12

Micah 5: 2 and Luke 2: 4, 5, 7

Isaiah 7: 14 and Luke 1: 26 - 27, 30 - 31 Jeremiah 31: 15 and Matthew 2: 16 - 18

**LISTEN -** Why did God the Father send His one and only son to bring salvation to all nations? To you and to me? As you read these verses, remind yourself of His reasons and then let the Savior assure you of His love, forgiveness, mercy, and His gift of eternal life to all who believe. "Blessed are those who wait on the LORD."

Matthew 20: 28 John 3: 16 – 18 John 20: 21

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