

Tuesday, August 7, 2007

---

## The Power to Wait

SERMON ONE

Isaiah 40:27 - 31(NKJV)

Pastor Darrell Jackson, Sr.

---

- Throughout this year, we have looked at how we, as believers, are empowered by God to do the extraordinary.
- Over the next several weeks, we would like to discuss the power of what we do, such as the power to wait.
- Waiting is one of the most necessary, yet difficult things for us as humans to do.
- Most people would do almost anything to avoid waiting.
- We will pay more for something if it means we can get it right away (overnight, Fed Ex, etc.).
- When we get it, we often realize that we could have waited.
- How many people have ruined their lives because they did not have the power to wait?
- Our society has become so accustomed to immediate gratification that if we have to wait on it then we don't want it.
- However, we must understand that in this life good things *still* come to those who wait.
- In fact, I believe that the best things in life come when you wait.
- In our scriptural text, the Prophet Isaiah speaks to the Nation of Israel about the power of waiting.
- The Hebrew word wait used in our text means to "expect patiently."
- It means not just to be patient, but also to be patient with hope.
- Hope is a feeling that what is wanted **will** happen.
- Isaiah tells Israel during their transition that if they wait on the Lord,
  1. they will have their strength renewed;
  2. they will soar like an eagle;
  3. they will not become weary.

- Let us look at each of these three things, and examine how they apply to us:

### 1. Renewed Strength

- The people of Israel had become weak and weary.
- The prophet Isaiah tells them that patiently trusting in God will renew their strength.
- Renewed strength empowers us to go through what we have to go through.

### 2. Soar Like An Eagle

- The word **soar** is defined as “to rise above the usual level.”
- Waiting empowers the believer, like an eagle, to rise above it all.
- The ability to soar only comes to those who know how to wait.

### 3. Won't Become Weary

- The word **weary** is defined as “to become tired or worn out.”
- When we learn to wait with the expectation that things are going to work out then we won't become weary.
- Finally, Paul writes in Galatians 6:9 (KJV): “Let us not be weary in well doing, for in **due season** we shall reap, if we faint not.”

**Special Note:** “Wait on Your Season”