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Wait on the Lord

Read for This Week's Study: *Ps. 27:14; Rom. 8:18–25; Psalm 131; Matt. 18:3; Psalm 126; Psalm 92; Mark 16:1–8; 2 Pet. 1:19.*

Memory Text: "Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the LORD!" (*Psalm 27:14, NKJV*).

TUESDAY

March 26

Bringing in the Sheaves

Read Psalm 126. What gives strength and hope to God's people? What is being said here, in this context, that we can apply to our own lives today?

Psalm 126:1 1 A Song of Ascents. When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion, **We were like those who dream.**

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Psalm 126 is a beautiful and uplifting psalm that speaks of the restoration and redemption of the Jewish people. It is traditionally recited during the grace after meals on Shabbat and holidays, as well as during the Passover Seder.

> Seder | 'sādər | noun a Jewish ritual service and ceremonial dinner for the first night or first two nights of Passover: [as modifier] : a Seder meal.

Psalm 126:2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

Psalm 126:3 The Lord has done great things for us, And we are glad.

Psalm 126:4 Bring back our captivity, O Lord, As the streams in the South.

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In fact, the memory of the past spurs renewed hope for the present. The image of "the streams in the south" (Ps. 126:4) is a powerful metaphor of God's acting suddenly and powerfully on behalf of His people. The very south of Judah was an arid desert region. The streams were formed suddenly and filled with rushing waters after heavy rainfalls during the rainy season. The early and late rains played a crucial role in the success of the agricultural year (Deut. 11:14, Deut. 28:12). Similarly, the image of sowing in tears and reaping in joy (Ps. 126:5, 6) is a powerful promise of divine leading from a difficult present to a happy future.

Rom 8:23 And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body.

Psalm 126:5 Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy.

>> The wording identifies with Matthew 5:4

Matthew 5:4 Blessed *are* those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

>> In the preaching of the gospel there may be some sorrowful moments

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Our work must be accompanied with deep humiliation, fasting, and prayer. We must not expect all peace and joy. There will be sadness; but if we sow in tears we shall reap in joy. Darkness and despondency may at times enter the heart of the self-sacrificing ones; but this is not against them. It may be God's design to cause them to seek Him more earnestly. 5T 134.3

Psalm 126:6 He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him.

1 "THERE shall be showers of blessing":
This is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing,
Sent from the Saviour above.

Showers of blessing,
Showers of blessing we need;
Mercy drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead.

2 "There shall be showers of blessing"—
Precious reviving again;
Over the hills and the valleys,
Sound of abundance of rain.

3 "There shall be showers of blessing:"
Send them upon us, O Lord!
Grant to us now a refreshing;
Come, and now honour Thy Word.

4 "There shall be showers of blessing,"
Oh, that to-day they might fall,
Now, as to God, we're confessing.
Now as on Jesus we call!

5 "There shall be showers of blessing,"
If we but trust and obey;
There shall be seasons refreshing,
If we let God have His way.

The Lord's miraculous deliverances in the past are an inexhaustible source of inspiration for God's people and their source of hope for the future. The past deliverance was so great that it could be described as a dream-come-true experience (*Isa. 29:7, 8*). Notice that the generation that praises the Lord in Psalm 126 for His past deliverance of His people from captivity (*Ps. 126:1*) is presently in captivity (*Ps. 126:4*).

Yet, the past joy and relief are relived through songs and appropriated in present experience. The new generations keep biblical history alive by counting themselves as present among those who saw the events firsthand. Thus, a living faith cherishes God's great deeds for His people in the past as something that the Lord has done for us, and not simply things that the Lord did only for *them* (the past generations of believers).

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Galatians 6:7-10 **7** Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

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The end of the harvest season was the time when the ancient Hebrew pilgrimages brought the fruits of the season to God's temple in Jerusalem (*Exod. 34:22, 26*). The harvest motif provided a potent spiritual lesson to the people at that time. **Just as the hard labor of sowing and caring for the fields, orchards, and vineyards is rewarded with the joy of a plentiful harvest, so the present trials of God's people will be crowned with the joy of salvation at the end of time.** The image of the great harvest points to God's restoration of His kingdom on earth at

Christ's second coming (*Amos 9:13–15, Matt. 9:37*). Here, too, however, the theme of waiting arises. As with the harvest, we must wait to see the fruit and results of our labor.

Amo 9:13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.

Amo 9:14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

Amo 9:15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation

Isa 25:9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this *is* our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this *is* the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Dwell on some times when you clearly and unmistakably saw the Lord working in your life or in the life of others. How can you draw hope from those experiences for whatever you might be going through now?

6 COL 65; Ed 105; FE 264; GW 187; TM 175; 2T 120; 3T 234, 481; 5T 395; 6T 305; 7T

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