

GLAD TIDINGS

“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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What are you waiting for?

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David purposely remained silent before his enemies as he reflected upon his life. As he thought about his condition, he manifests his desire to wisely turn to God. He writes, “*And now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in thee. Deliver me from all my transgressions: Make me not the reproach of the foolish*” (Psalms 39:7-8).

David asks a great question that all, who are putting off making a definite commitment to the Lord, should ponder.

Are you waiting for a Saviour to deliver you from your sins and transgressions? Jesus has come. “Him did God exalt with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance to Israel, and remission of sins” (Acts 5:31).

Are you waiting for something in which you can confidently hope? David could no longer be silent, but confessed, “My hope is in thee.” Now, God has revealed that our hope is in Christ Jesus (I Timothy 1:1). Those who cease to wait, but come to God through Christ are begotten “unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ

from the dead, unto an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who by the power of God are guarded through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (I Peter 1:3-5). Material things are not worthy objects for our hope for they are uncertain and vain (Matthew 6:19-20, I Timothy 6:17). Jesus is our hope, and he has already been resurrected in order to be worthy of our hope for the eternal blessings of heaven.

Are you waiting for a converting power? David writes in another Psalm, “The law of Jehovah is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of Jehovah is sure, making wise the simple” (KJV—Psalm 19:7). Some are waiting for some feeling to come upon them powerfully compelling them to be converted to the Lord. Mind changing power is found in God’s law. Paul was sent to preach the gospel to the Gentiles “to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive remission of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in me” (Acts 26:18). The power to open eyes that will cause people to turn from

Satan unto God is in the message of the Gospel of Christ.

Are you waiting for a sanctifying power? Jesus prayed, “Sanctify them in the truth: thy word is truth” (John 17:17). When people no longer put off coming to Christ, but obey the gospel in baptism they are “washed”, “sanctified”, and “justified” in connection with “name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God” (I Corinthians 6:11, cf. Acts 2:38, 22:16).

Are you waiting for God to give you faith? “Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). This word is near you and assessable (Romans 10:8). Why do you wait to have faith?

Are you waiting for a perfecting power? God’s inspired word has the power to make the man of God “... complete, furnished completely unto every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Come to Christ by submitting to the demands of the gospel message. There is no need to wait, there is great need for action.