

Wait

Isaiah 40:31-But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. (KJV)

The Holy Prophets have words of wisdom for seekers of the Heavenly Kingdom. God's Holy Church places great value on the Holy Prophets through the centuries. The Divine services have references to the Prophets for edification of the attentive. The Creed professed at Baptism and at each Divine Liturgy refers to the Prophets. Careful readers will find relevancy for today's world in the words of the Prophets.

Lamentations of Jeremiah 3:25-The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. (KJV)

Believers looking to the Prophets find value in the lessons to wait on the Lord. Developing patience in today's world is a real challenge for hurried believers. Instant gratification is a common desire and waiting requires necessary restraint. The Lord God is good and will not disappoint believers waiting in sincere faith. Self-examination is a healthy practice for developing patience to wait on the Lord.

Hosea 12:6-Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment and wait on thy God continually. (KJV)

Carefully examining the contents of the heart and soul will facilitate patience. All that is not of God and that fails to lead to the Kingdom needs cast away. Trust in the Lord increases as a person learns from experience following the Lord. Attending the Divine services and reading the Holy Scriptures builds trust in God. Prayer, fasting and abiding by the teachings of the Church leads to increased faith.

Micah 7:7-Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me. (KJV)

Patience is essential when seeking salvation and entails overcoming daily hurdles. Circumstances arise in earthly life that test and challenge a person's patience. God will give believers strength to endure when the Lord is life's primary interest. Vigilance and prayer keep a person focused on the path to the Heavenly Kingdom. Serious believers look to the Lord God for direction and the paths to take in life.

Habakuk 2:3-For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. (KJV)

The Lord will reveal to believers the vocations for life and employment to choose. God's Holy Church offers education for all of life and the vision of everlasting life. Timely revelations from God unfold during the course of the believer's earthly life. Seekers of everlasting life root themselves in the Lord God and remain focused. God's love unfolds as believers readily open the heart, mind and soul to the Lord.

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