

WEEK OF PRAYER 2018

January 21 - 28



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CCMBC Week of Prayer Worship and Teaching Preparation “WAITING FOR GOD”

1. The Bible exhorts us to wait for God (Psalm 27:14)
2. Old Testament words for wait:
 - *qavah* to bind together, look patiently, hope, expect, look eagerly;
 - *yachal* to wait, hope, wait expectantly;
 - *damam* to be dumb, grow silent, be still;
 - *chakah* to wait, tarry or long for
 - The OT emphasis is on the daily walk and the need to wait on God and his providential care in the pressures of life
3. New Testament words for wait:
 - *prosdechomai* to receive to oneself, receive favorably, expect, look for, wait for;
 - *apekdechomai* – to await, expect eagerly; *anameno* to wait up like a parent for a child.
 - In the NT, the emphasis is on waiting for Christ’s return and the impact this should have on our daily walk.
4. Important questions to consider:
 - What does it mean to wait?
 - How do we wait?
 - Who and what are we waiting for?
 - Why should we wait?
 - How long do we wait?
5. A preaching primer on Psalm 37:7-9:
 - Proposition: Wait patiently for God (Psalm 130:5-6; Romans 8:19-25)
 - Exhortation: Don’t become frustrated and impatient with God as you wait (Psalm 106:13-15)
 - Promise: While you wait for God you will receive his benefits (Isaiah 40:27-31)
6. Some benefits of waiting for God:
 - We are reminded of who God is and what he is able to do (Jeremiah 14:22; Psalm 62:1-12; 25:5; Hosea 12:6; Psalm 39:7; 123:1-2; 145:15; 52:9)
 - We are reminded of who we are and what we are not able to do (Psalm 52:6-7; Proverbs 14:12; Jeremiah 10:23; Psalm 37:9)
 - God sustains and satisfies us (Psalm 145:14-16)
 - It strengthens and empowers us (Isaiah 40:31)
 - It builds our character (Psalm 37:7-9)
 - It brings praise to God and witnesses to people (Psalm 40:2-3; 42:5-11; 43:5; 145:15-21)