

Why Do You Wait?

(Psalm 39:4-7)

- Introduction:
1. Have you ever wondered how many people will be lost on the Day of Judgment, not because they didn't know what to do, but because they were waiting?
 2. "Why do you wait, dear brother, Oh, why do you tarry so long? Your Savior is waiting to give you a place in His sanctified throng." (George Root).
 3. Delay is dangerous (James 4:14).
 4. Here are some reasons why people wait to obey the Lord.

I. Waiting for God to "Do" Something

- A. He already has!
- B. He gave his Son (John 3:16).
- C. He revealed his will to us (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

II. Waiting Until They Know More

- A. How much does one have to know to obey the gospel?
- B. How much did they know on Pentecost (Acts 2:37-38); the Eunuch (Acts 8:27-38); the Jailer (Acts 16:30-33)?
- C. Christianity involves growth (2 Peter 3:18).

III. Waiting Until My Spouse Obeys

- A. Have you considered that your obedience might be what is needed to win your spouse?
- B. (1 Peter 3:1).
- C. As some point, you have to make a decision for the Lord and you (Matthew 10:34-39).

IV. Waiting Until the Hypocrites Leave

- A. Is that the way we deal with the grocery store, work, or sporting events?
- B. Why do we think it is okay to rob God of our service because someone else isn't living right?
- C. (2 Corinthians 5:10).

V. Waiting Until I Have Sown My Wild Oats

- A. Don't forget, we reap what we sow (Galatians 6:7).
- B. We've wasted enough time in sin (1 Peter 4:2-3).
- C. Remember God in your youth (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

- Conclusion:
1. Don't wait any longer.
 2. Stop waiting and act in obedient faith toward Jesus.