

"...and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

—John 14:3

"Waiting for God is not laziness. Waiting for God is not going to sleep. Waiting for God is not the abandonment of effort. Waiting for God means, first, activity under command; second, readiness for any new command that may come; third, the ability to do nothing until the command is given."–G. Campbell Morgan

That is a pretty good definition of waiting, don't you think? Waiting-to pause or delay, to remain inactive or my favorite, a state of repose. Makes waiting sound more eloquent and grander, noble even doesn't it. But I suppose it depends on what you are waiting for.

John the Baptist asked a really good question about Jesus while sitting in Heard Antipas' prison, (Matthew 11:3). "Are you the coming one, or must we look for someone else?" Israel had been waiting a long time, since the days of Moses when he said, look for the one like me, (Deuteronomy 18:15) and when you find him listen to what he says.



What is helpful in the waiting is knowing what you are waiting for so when you see it, waiting is over. Which brings a quiet, humble, confidence and clarity to life in just about every area of life. The fulfillment of the Messiah, the Christ was three-fold; Prophet, like Moses, Priest like Melchizedek (Psalm 110:4), King like David (Revelation 19:16).

Jesus came as the king, he came as the priest, and the prophet, but the gospel proclamation is not that the one coming would fulfill all three offices of ministry (Hebrews 1:1-3), not only that he came to save sinners, but is the one who continues to come in the present and in one climatic moment in the future, coming on the clouds of heaven.

The whole goal of human history is centered around the person of Jesus Christ. The beginning of creation, to the point of the cross, and to the consummation of His return when time and history are no more. Eternity pasted is His, the present is His as you are living out your days, but the future is also His, and because it is, it also belongs to all those who are His.

What are you waiting for in this life that you'd like to see happen? Those are gifts from a good and gracious God. But how are you waiting for eternity? Are you ready for His return? Is He worth waiting for? He is coming....again!