

1. God's perfect timing

- a) Galatians 4:4, Romans 5:6 What important idea is conveyed in these two inspired testimonies?
- b) Why did our loving Creator wait for thousands of years after the entrance of sin and death in our world before the incarnation of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ?
- c) How did the prophet Daniel react when he realized there might be an extensive amount of waiting before the promises of God were fulfilled? Daniel 8:27
- d) Name some other Bible characters who struggled with the apparent delay in the fulfillment of God's promises. Abram, Joseph, Hannah, etc.

2. The experience of David

- a) How old was the shepherd boy David when he was anointed by Samuel as King of Israel? 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (a teenager)
- b) What was the reason for David's first encounter with King Saul? 1 Samuel 16:14-23
- c) What event caused King Saul's attitude toward David to change? 1 Samuel 17:32-51, 18:6-9
- d) Why did David choose to wait on the LORD rather than kill King Saul who had been trying to kill him? 1 Samuel 26:1-11
- e) How did King Saul respond when he realized David had spared his life? 1 Samuel 26:21-25

- f) How old was David when he finally became King of Israel? 2 Samuel 5:4
- g) Read Psalm 27:13-14 How does David's personal experience add strength to his inspired testimony?

3. The experience of Elijah

- a) What great victory did the prophet Elijah witness on Mount Carmel? 1 Kings 18:36-40
- b) When threatened by the Queen Jezebel, Elijah failed to wait on the LORD for guidance and courage. Instead, how did he respond? 1 Kings 19:1-4
- c) Name some other Bible characters who decided to follow their own plans rather than wait on the LORD.
- d) How does the response of the LORD to the depressed prophet Elijah give us courage when we have failed to wait on the LORD? 1 Kings 19:5-16

4. Promises for those who wait on the LORD

- a) Isaiah 40:31
- b) Psalm 37:1-8
- c) What Bible stories or promises have encouraged you to wait on the LORD?

