

POSITIONING PRAYER II

Prayer of Waiting

I. Lm.3:21-26 Ec.5:1,2

- A. Prayer that puts something in you.
- B. Prayer that changes you.

II. Waiting on God

- A. How to teach people to do the one thing they dislike doing the most.
 - 1. Rewards.
- B. Why people don't pray?
 - 1. Shame, ignorance, unbelief
 - 2. Living on the edge
- C. Prayer is an _____.

III. Ec.5: Conduct and attitude in prayer

- A. How we approach:
 - 1. *Be more ready to hear*
 - 2. *Be not rash (hasty, thoughtless, inconsiderate) with your mouth*
 - 3. *Be not hasty to utter anything*
 - 4. *Let your words be few*

IV. Lm.3: Seeking God

- A. Don't view as a _____, _____ experience. Rather, a _____
_____ - a course that we pursue.
 - 1. (Ph.3) *follow after...reach forward ...press toward*

V. Waiting(Hb)- bind or twist together.

- A. A total preoccupation with God in an attitude of _____.
 - 1. Position, process, product.

VI. Why Wait?

- A. Deep need for it.
 - 1. _____ purpose- _____ of God
 - 2. _____ purpose- _____ of God
 - a. Ex.19,20:19 *you speak with us...but let not God speak with us* (Hb.12:25)
 - b. God gave them a priesthood.
 - c. We become no better than they if we refuse to hear or are not willing to wait.
 - 3. _____ purpose - _____ of God

- B. No substitute for it.
 - 1. Attending services, hearing tapes, reading books, private devotions, personal prophesy

Three elements needed to wait on God

I. TIME

- C. Not spontaneous
 - 1. (Dn.9:3; Nh.1:9)
- D. Length depends on purpose - what answer do you seek?
 - 1. Jacob- all night
 - 2. Jesus (Lk.6:12)
- E. *Redeem the time (Ep5:16)*
 - 1. First step to _____ time is to _____ time.
 - 2. There is no _____ without _____.
 - 3. What you are prepared to _____ depends on the _____.

I. PATIENCE

- F. God does not always speak instantly.
 - 1. Waiting is not quick or convenient.
 - 2. Tune out
 - 3. Tune in
- G. God is a *spirit* (Jn.4:24) - His words are *spirit* (Jn.6:63) - they are *spiritually discerned* (1Co.2:14).
 - 1. The Lord is heard in *a still small voice*.
- H. Becoming still is an art that must be learned (Ps.46.10)
- I. There is no formula for hearing God's voice but the best starting place is...
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____
- J. While you wait...
 - 1. _____
 - a. (Mk.1:35) He departed into a solitary place.
 - 2. _____
 - a. (Ps.46:10) Be still and know. [mind]
 - 3. _____
 - a. (Is.30:15) In quietness and confidence... [mouth]
 - 4. _____ - _____
 - a. (1 Co.9:27) Disaplined body. [members]
 - 5. _____
 - a. (Jm.4:10) Open and honest in all areas

I. **EXPECTANCY Ps.62:5; 8:34**

- K. If you have no _____ you are not waiting, you're _____.
- L. (Jr. 33:3) ASK - The most elementary part of hearing.
 - 1. He may not answer if He is not asked.
- M. He is a rewarder.
 - 1. Write it.
 - 2. Respond.
- N. **Is.40:28-31** Change through exchange.
 - 1. (Gn.32:24; Ac.4:13)

VII. Benefits of waiting.

- A. Produces...
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____
 - 4. _____
 - 5. _____
- B. Is.64:4; 1 Co.2:9,10 *for them that wait for him*
- C. Ps.40:1-3; Ps.37:9,34; Ps.27:14; Ps.33:20