

A Wait on the Lord.

- ❖ Our life is full of small or big waits. We wait for the birth of a baby, the result of an exam, the cure of an illness...
- ❖ However, waiting on the Lord is a positive waiting. Waiting on God will surely result in a happy life, free from sin.
- ❖ But this wait implies perseverance. The wait is long, but we must not succumb to despair (Hab. 2:3).
- ❖ We do not wait alone. All Creation eagerly awaits our deliverance (Rom. 8:18-25). It is not a passive wait, but an active one. We must long for it, and strive to retain it (Ps. 63:1; 27:14).

B Wait with humility (Psalm 131).

- ❖ David, the author of Psalm 131, was anointed as a future king when he was a humble shepherd. He defeated a giant, won a thousand battles, and was finally acclaimed as king over Israel.
- ❖ Despite his gradual rise, David retained his humility. He did not attempt to take for himself honors that God had not given him, even when circumstances seemed favorable (1 Sam. 24:6).
- ❖ He felt like a “weaned child” before the Lord. Spontaneous weaning occurs in a child between 2 and 7 years old. Aware of his weakness and ignorance, the child still seeks the tender arms of his mother to find comfort and protection in them.
- ❖ Likewise, we are invited to be like that little child, waiting confidently and humbly in the eternal arms of our Father (Mt. 18:3; Deut. 33:27; Ps. 131:3).

C Wait in difficult times (Psalm 126).

- ❖ The context in which Psalm 126 was written is very uninspiring: Israel was held captive in Babylon, while Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed.
- ❖ However, the psalmist sings: “The Lord has done great things for us; we will be glad” (Ps. 126:3).
- ❖ Happy in captivity? Joyful in pain? Can we be joyful today in a world held captive by sin?
- ❖ Yes, happy. Happy because we do not look at the current suffering. Our gaze turns back to observe the great things that God has done.
- ❖ Then, we will look to the future with joy. When Jesus comes, weeping will turn to rejoicing (Ps. 126:6). “We will be like those who dream” (Ps. 126:1).

D Wait for Redemption (Psalm 92).

- ❖ In the superscription of Psalm 92 we can read: “Song for the Sabbath.” We can find in it the two aspects of the Sabbath: Creation and Redemption.
- ❖ We rejoice in the contemplation of what God has created (Ps. 92:4-5). But many do not accept the Creator, nor the redemption He offers (Ps. 92:6-7).
- ❖ Those of us who accept the Savior will be created anew. Like palm trees, we will flourish, we will bear fruit, we will be vigorous (Ps. 92:12-14).
- ❖ Every Saturday we renew our hope in two ways:
 - We are “anointed” (Psalm 92:10). A special word is used here referring to the oil that is mixed with the sacrifice (Lev. 2:5). We are a sacrifice to God (Rom. 12:1).
 - We share our hope with others (Psalm 92:15).

E Wait for the glorious morning (Psalm 143).

- ❖ The morning will end the night of despair and anguish (Ps. 130:5-6; 30:5b).
- ❖ Peter encourages us to trust in God's Word to guide us until the morning dawns (2 Pet. 1:19). But when will morning come?
- ❖ Jesus is “the bright and morning star” (Rev. 22:16). When He comes, “There will be no more night there; and they have no need of the light of a lamp, nor of the light of the sun, for the Lord God will enlighten them” (Rev. 22:5). The wait is worth it.