

**“Look on my affliction and trouble, and forgive me of my sins” vs. 18**

**David uses all three of the great Old Testament words for sin indicating he has become aware of past and present sin, which may indicate God is revealing damaging sin patterns that have plagued him all of his life.**

**C. He Submits His Will for God vs. 4-5, 9, 12-15**

**“Make me know your ways, teach me...Lead me...God of my salvation, for you I wait all the day...He leads the humble in justice and teaches the humble His way...The counsel of the Lord is for those who fear Him...my eyes are continually toward the Lord”**

**David has now placed himself in the camp of the humble. He has received deliverance in his inner life. Now he continues to wait for deliverance from his outer circumstances.**

**D. He Experiences the Fruit of Inner Deliverance as He Still Waits for Outer Deliverance. vs. 21**

**“Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you!”**

**VII. Conclusion:**

**Waiting, for God knows what. And God knows what! The question is as we cry out to God in our waiting are we interested in 2 kinds of deliverance or just one? We can journey with David into the depths of God’s grace and power or not. It’s our choice; your choice and mine.**

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**Psalm 25**

**I. Introduction:**

**Waiting is hard, really hard. We don’t like it. We don’t understand it. We don’t want it. In our minds there is little or no good reason to wait.**

**But we have a problem because we have a God who puts a premium on waiting. The God who created time often appears to be unconcerned about time.**

**Waiting takes many forms. Most waiting is fairly mundane but there is a kind of waiting in Scripture and in our lives that is far deeper and far more difficult.**

**II. Let’s Define Waiting: Our concept of waiting is fairly passive with the focus on us and trying to be patient. In the Scriptures, waiting is very different. It is very active with the focus on our hearts but even more on God, seeking Him out as a good and faithful deliverer. It is marked by hope, not despair.**

**III. Waiting Is A Big Deal In The Scriptures:**

**Abraham and Sarah  
Joseph  
The Israelites  
David  
Paul**

**IV. So What Happens When We Wait? God Reveals Things, Disturbing Things.**

**A. God Reveals What We Believe About Life on This Earth. Philippians 1:21?**

Let's face it, we quote this verse and we say we believe it but apart from God's intervention what we are really after is a prosperous, fulfilling, trouble-free life. Jesus is important but He is not the center, not even close.

It is in the waiting that idols like these and so many more are revealed. It's painful, disturbing and yet He continues to reveal things....

**B. God Reveals What We Believe About Him. Job 23:1-9**

As long as God abides by our definition of good and works on our time schedule we have no problem believing He is good. When God doesn't "behave" then He becomes an adversary that we cannot seem to convince or overcome.

**C. God Reveals What Is In Our Hearts.**

**Deuteronomy 8:2**

There is something about waiting that strips away all our most treasured beliefs about ourselves. We find we are not who we thought we were.

Loving/Unloving

Humble/Willful

Mature/Immature

Selfless/Selfish

Trusting/Controlling

Wise/Foolish

Big Heart/Small Heart

**V. There Are Two Kinds of Deliverance in the Scriptures (Waiting is always about deliverance.)**

God is deeply interested in both kinds; we are usually only interested in one. In reality we are in desperate need of both an outer and inner deliverance. Waiting is designed to convince us of both.

**VI. So How Do We Wait On God? What Does It Look Like? Psalm 25**

King David knew a lot about waiting so let's see how he did it.

Notice as he pleads and waits for God to deliver him from evil circumstances and bad people, he responds to God's inner work of deliverance. David knew they always go together.

**A. David Cries Out For Help vs. 1-3, 16-22**

"To You, I lift up my soul" vs. 1

"Do not let me be ashamed" vs. 2

"Don't let my enemies exalt over me" vs. 2

"lonely, afflicted" "troubles" "distresses" "many enemies" "hate" vs. 16-19

"turn to me and be gracious to me" vs. 16

"bring me out of my distress" vs. 17

"Guard my soul and deliver me" vs. 20

All these words are a cry for a powerful deliverance. They are raw, honest, urgent and unapologetic. A bold request for intervention. But David is also aware that God is dealing with him in his inner life.

**B. David Confesses His Sins vs. 6-11, 18**

"Remember, O Lord, Your compassion and Your lovingkindnesses...from of old." vs. 6

"Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions." vs. 7

"Pardon my iniquity, for it is great" vs. 11