

**Beatitudes**  
**What The Bible Teaches About Being Blessed**

## BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO WAIT UPON THE LORD

Text: Isaiah 30:18

Introduction:

1. “Where the word *blessed* is hung out as a sign, we may be sure that we shall find a godly man within.” - *Sir Richard Baker*
2. Biblically, the word “blessed” refers to those whose sufficiency comes from God and not from the circumstances of life.
3. The “blessed” are those who inherit the promise made to Abraham by conforming to God’s Will and being added to the body of Christ.
4. This passage teaches that to be one of God’s blessed, one must be willing to wait for Him...

I. Wait with Patience

- A. Though God would chasten Judah by allowing them to go into Babylonian captivity, He also promised that He would not destroy them utterly.
- B. In order to return from captivity, the Israelites needed to wait patiently on God to deliver them.
- C. God’s promises are sure, but we must wait for them with patience...
  1. Answer to prayer (Romans 12:10-13; 15:30-32; Colossians 4:2; Luke 18:1-8).
  2. Deliverance from trials (Luke 21:19; Romans 5:1-5).
  3. Fruit of labor (Luke 8:15; 1 Corinthians 15:55; Galatians 6:9).
  4. Reward in Heaven (Rom. 2:7; Hebrews 6:12; 10:36; James 5:7-8).
- D. The blessed man will wait for the Lord with patience.

II. Wait with Endurance

- A. Though the captivity of the Jews would be a time of great trial, they had to be willing to endure such hardships as they waited for the Lord.
- B. Even today, God’s servants must wait for Him with endurance...
  1. Endurance in persecution (Matthew 10:22; Mark 4:17; 2 Thessalonians 1:4; 2 Timothy 3:11).
  2. Endurance in suffering (2 Corinthians 1:3-6; 2 Timothy 2:3; Hebrews 6:13-15; 12:2-3).
  3. Endurance in chastening (Hebrews 12:7; James 1:12).
  4. Endurance in doctrine (2 Timothy 4:1-4; 1 Peter 1:25).
- C. The blessed man will wait for the Lord with endurance.

III. Wait with Trust

- A. The condemnation of God’s people in Isaiah 30 was due to their trusting in themselves and the power of Egypt to deliver them from their enemies.
- B. In truth, it was God alone who could deliver them, and their trust should have been in Him.
- C. In this passage, God was also waiting...

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1. To bestow grace upon His people.
  2. To bestow mercy upon His people.
  3. To act with justice toward His people.
- D. God's ultimate goal was the salvation of His people.
- E. God's desire today is to save all who will trust in Him.
1. For salvation...
  2. For growth...
  3. For truth...

Conclusion: *Are you waiting for the Lord with patience, endurance, and trust?*