



Sabbath School Lesson 11 | Sep 03 – Sep 09

Sabbath School Lesson Notes Outline

Waiting in the Crucible

A What did God say about patiently waiting?

❖ **Patience and hope.**

- Patience is one of God's attributes. His patience is not indifference, impotence, or indecision. God is patient because of His love for us. He wants to save as many people as possible (2 Peter 3:9, 15).
- He's given us His Word to help us being patient even in the hardest times. This patience is closely related to hope (Romans 15:4).
- We are being patient when we fully trust God and put our lives in His hands. We can trust that He will do the best for us at the perfect moment.

❖ **Waiting in the crucible.**

- We can be sure that God will do the best thing for us at the perfect moment. But how can we know when is the perfect moment for God?
- God has His own timeline (Galatians 4:4) Does God have a timeline to take me out of the crucible? Sure! Meanwhile, how does the waiting help me?
 - (1) It helps me to rely on God.
 - (2) It helps me to have a clearer picture of myself.
 - (3) It makes me persistent.
 - (4) My faith and trust are developed.
 - (5) God has time to make everything work together.
 - (6) It helps me to live by faith.

B Biblical examples:

❖ **Patiently waiting: David.**

- David was anointed as king of Israel when he was very young. However, the journey to the throne was long and harsh.
- David decided not to take what God hadn't given to him yet. He waited for God's moment, although he had to go through challenging times and his life was in danger.

❖ **Impatience: Elijah.**

- Elijah had just seen God's powerful hand making fire and torrential rains come down from heaven. However, he was afraid of Jezebel's threat.
- If Elijah had waited for God to act instead of running away, he would've made a greater reformation than the one he did later (Prophets and Kings, cp. 13, p. 167).
- Elijah wasn't the only impatient one. Remember how Sarah or Moses didn't want to wait, and the consequences of that (Genesis 16:1-3; Numbers 20:10-12).

C Learning to wait patiently.

- ❖ Psalm 37 is a great lesson on how to patiently wait for God to act.
- ❖ Maybe the weirdest piece of advice is to delight yourself in God (v. 3). This involves trusting Him. Nothing can take our peace away because God is here, and He's acting. We praise Him because nobody can overcome Him.