

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Isaiah 40:28-31** (esp. 31).
- B. Tonight's lesson is a simple one on one of the great verses of the OT, Isa. 40:31.
- C. There is much in the NT that greatly parallels this verse and therefore can be applied to the Xian and the Xian life.

I. WE ARE TO WAIT FOR JEHOVAH.

- A. This means that we are to do things His way. His ways are not man's ways they are better ways of which we do well to pay attention.
- B. We should also have patience in God, allowing Him to work things out as He sees best, not as we think they ought to be (1Cor. 4:5).
Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.
- C. Waiting for the Lord also means that we should always trust that His way is the right way. It may not seem right as far as our wisdom goes, but to wait on the Lord is to put complete trust in His way the way for our lives (Rom. 8:25).
But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

II. WE WILL GAIN NEW STRENGTH.

- A. There is no one on the earth that should be able to face reality like that of a Xian. Knowing of God's blessings and the hope of eternal life the struggles endured while on earth should be easily tolerated.
- B. Remember the great promise of 1Cor. 10:13.
No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.
- C. Jesus also makes a promise sometimes overlooked (Mt. 28:20).
“...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

III. WE WILL ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS.

- A. To be able to mount up with wings like eagles is to be able to do things with God that we have never done before. We become better people with God and always have the capability of growing even more under His care.
- B. We rise above the world in attitude and being. We should not let the cares and worries of the world get us down, we have wings of eagles to rise above all the world has to offer that pulls us down (Mt. 6:30-33).
*“But if God so arrays the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more do so for you, O men of little faith? **31** Do not be anxious then, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘With what shall we clothe ourselves?’ **32** For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33** But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.”*
- C. If God be for us, who can be against us (Rom. 8:31)?

IV. WE WILL RUN THE RACE AND NOT GET TIRED.

- A. Must always run according to the rules (2Tim. 2:5).
if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules.
- B. We must also run with patience, endurance and perseverance (Heb. 12:1-2).
*Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **2** fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising*

the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- C. We should run the race as to win. To finish is to win (2Tim. 4:7).

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

V. **WE WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT.**

- A. Our walking is always to be in the light of Jesus and His word (1Jn. 1:7).

but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

- B. We walk by the Spirit according to Gal. 5:25.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

- C. The Xian life is characterized by a walk; walking each day by faith in God (2Cor. 5:7).

for we walk by faith, not by sight--

- D. Sometimes it is easier to run and do well than it is to walk, yet we can do both with the help of God.

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Many good lessons can be drawn from this passage of scripture. May we always look to the OT for our learning and instruction (Rom. 15:4).

For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

- B. May we always learn to wait upon the Lord so that He can bless us in the ways mentioned:

1. To gain new strength for the problems of life.
2. To fly above the world and its cares and problems.
3. To run and not become tired.
4. To walk and not become weary.

- C. The promises to the Xian are so great; our blessings so wonderful, why would anyone choose not to follow Jesus?

- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring-Xians.