



“Whether the cloud stayed above the Tabernacle for two days, a month, or a year, the people of Israel stayed in camp and did not move on. But as soon as it lifted, they broke camp and moved on.” Numbers 9:22

There is a certain spiritual and emotional tension in our waiting upon the Lord. To the natural mind “waiting upon the Lord” infers either a lack of faith or an abundance of fear. “How long to we wait? When should we proceed? What will be the sign of the proper timing?” To many, waiting is a waste of time.

King Saul, when presented this test of “waiting upon the Lord”, ran out of patience, violated the priestly office and brought madness to himself and ultimate destruction to his family. (1 Samuel 13) All because he couldn’t or wouldn’t wait. Jesus said, “In your patience you possess your souls.” (Luke 21:19).

Our waiting upon God’s initiating in our lives produces a listening ear, a confident heart and a soul at peace. Yes, the old nature will strive and chaff such “waiting”, but the spiritual man of the heart will grow ever more expectant upon the Lord. A growing confidence, an abiding hope, and a resolved trust will anchor the believer’s heart. “I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, Wait, I say, on the Lord.” (Psalm 27:13-14)