

Trust in the LORD forever,  
for the LORD GOD is an  
everlasting rock.

Isaiah 26:4

## Store In My Heart 2Thessalonians 1:6-8

since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Reward for the faithful and punishment for the wicked. God's vengeance is just and will be inflicted on those who do not know Him as well as those who do not obey the gospel of Jesus.

Atheists, those who follow man-made gods, and those who refuse Jesus will all suffer the same fate.

Though we might wish it so, this punishment is not for now. God never promised to punish our oppressors immediately. It is for when Jesus returns, just as is our reward for faithfulness.



## “Be Still And Know That I Am God”

David A. Cox

*“Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth”* Psalm 46:10

When life feels chaotic and uncertain, the words of the psalmist offer deep comfort: *“Be still, and know that I am God.”* This command is not a call to inactivity, but to a confident, quiet trust in God’s sovereignty. The world may be in turmoil, and personal trials may seem overwhelming—but in these moments, God calls us to pause, to reflect, and to trust that He is in control, that He rewards our patience, and that He is at work behind the scenes. **James 5:7–11** reinforces these truths with three compelling reasons to be patient and wait on the Lord.

**Because God Is In Control.** James reminds us: *“Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh”* (**James 5:8**). Three times in this passage, James points to Christ’s return. Why? Because the second coming of Jesus is the ultimate assurance that God is in control of history—and of our lives.

Even when things seem to be falling apart, remember: we are not drifting aimlessly. We are moving toward a divine climax that God has perfectly timed. In your personal trials, hold fast to the truth that nothing escapes His notice and His plan is unfolding—even when it’s hidden from view (see **Matthew 24:36**).

**Because God Rewards Patience.** James continues, *“Behold, we count them happy which endure”* (**James 5:11a**). Patience isn't just a virtue—it brings blessing and reward. Those who endure with faith are honored, both in this life and in eternity. Jesus echoed this in the Sermon on the Mount, promising

blessing for those who remain faithful under persecution or mistreatment (**Matthew 5:11–12**).

Every moment you choose patience over frustration, you are planting seeds of eternal reward and shaping a Christ-like character that honors God.

**Because God Is Working It Out.** James points us to the example of Job— “*Ye have heard of the patience of Job...*” (**James 5:11b**). Though Job didn’t see what God was doing behind the scenes, he held on in faith. And in the end, he saw that God had been working all along.

You may face uncontrollable circumstances, unchanging people, or unexplainable problems, but that doesn’t mean God is absent. As Paul wrote, “*All things work together for good to them that love God*” (**Romans 8:28**). That includes your waiting season.

Waiting on God is not passive—it’s a deep, spiritual act of trust. It’s believing that God is for us, God is with us, and God is at work, even when we cannot yet see the outcome. So in life’s storms, be still. Trust in the One who holds all things together. And remember: in God’s perfect time, all things will be made right.

(This is part of our faith that we commonly refer to as trust. When we trust God, it is much easier to wait for what He knows is best. This is why Noah could steadfastly build the ark and then just go inside, letting God close them in. It was faith (trust) that God knows best that kept Job righteous during his time of trial. Developing our faith through study of the Word will help us when we need to “*be still*” and wait. There may be many things we must keep doing while we wait for God’s work to be complete. Remaining steadfast in our labors for Him while we await the end of our journey here can be difficult, but faith in God gives us hope of great reward once this life ends. Let us all be diligent to know and serve the Lord as we endure through to the end. DLH)

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10:20 AM • Sunday Worship Service  
5:00 PM • Sunday Night Bible Study  
7:00 PM • Wednesday Bible Study

### For Our Information

**Sue Soliday** continues physical therapy for her lymphedema.

**Vickie McNees** has a referral appointment with an arthritis Dr.

**John LaValla** has some follow up tests coming up after his recent doctor appointment.

**Jonathan & Amy Simpson** are vacationing up north and should fly back Wednesday.

**Jon Ross Simpson**, and **Gracie**, will be at FC camp this week.

**Marla Rigsby** is in Houston, TX for work

Sunday Evening – **Isaiah 19:16** Wednesday – **1John 4**