Our God Who Waits

GOD WAITED IN THE DAYS OF NOAH

In the Days of Noah…

- There was worldwide rebellion against God – Gen. 6:1-3, 5-7; Eccl. 7:29
- Despite man's great wickedness, God waited for their salvation – 1 Pet. 3:20
  - God waited long for His creation – Gen. 6:3
  - This time allowed Noah to act on his faith and build an ark for salvation – Heb. 11:7
  - This was a time of grace for the world who could repent at Noah's preaching – 2 Pet. 2:5
  - But, that period of grace ended – Gen. 7:11, 21

GOD WAITED FOR ISRAEL

God Waited For Israel…

- In Egypt:
  - He waited while Israel suffered, listening for their cry to Him – Ex. 2:23; 4:29-31
  - God delivered them only to find them an ungrateful and faithless people – Ex. 14:10-14ff.
- At the Promised land:
  - Spies were sent out and the people refused to believe in God's power to deliver – Num. 13:30-33; 14:1-4, 10
  - Though ready to destroy them, He gave them 40 years to repent – Num. 14:11-12, 17-20, 23
  - Rather than a time of destruction, this was a time of grace.

God Waited for Israel…

- During the time of the Judges:
  - God warned Israel not to intermingle with the nations left in the land – Josh. 23:4-5, 11-13
  - They, however, did the opposite! – Judges 3:5-7
  - Yet, God was longsuffering and provided deliverers to bring Israel back to Him – Judges 3:8-10
- God waited on Israel when they rejected His leadership and sought a king – 1 Sam. 8:4-9
- God did not wait forever!

GOD WAITS FOR YOU TODAY

God Waits for Sinners

- God has suffered long for a rebellious creation – Rom. 3:23
  - The Gentile world has rejected Him – Rom. 1:18-25, 32; Eph. 2:1-3
  - The Jew rejected Him – Rom. 10:1-3
- Despite this reality, God continues to wait!
  - He is not slack or powerless, but hopes for the salvation of souls – 2 Pet. 3:9-11
  - Instead of wrath, there has been love and grace – Rom. 5:8-10
  - All are invited to come – Rev. 22:17

God Will Not Wait Forever!

- God waited, but…
  - The rebellious of Noah's day were no more
  - The rebellious Jewish nation is no more – Matt. 23:37-39
- If anyone rejects His call…
  - To obey the gospel – 1 Thess. 5:1-3
  - To remain faithful to God and salvation – 1 Thess. 4:4-10