

who act on behalf of those who wait for Him

I. Works for Those

the first thing - what we need most - & to work for us -
we are eager to work for Him - not what we do for God,
but what He does for us -

- the things ~~we have~~ prayed for are things we & God
can do

- perhaps this is the strategy of God - God allows things
to get so bad we realize wif we can do it -

- as long as we have the machinery to move only
we don't feel the faith that moves mountains.

when things are bad, our first reaction is to work harder, more - but God says "wait"

II - Waiting - what this means - How foreign this is

to us. - a kind of fellowship, worship, communion - when
situation desperate, etc., what is needed is a deeper, concentrated
worship & fellowship wif God. - worship before our own work - Joshua -
when Israel came from, first they worshipped - exposed to Jericho.

III - Way the waiting is to be done

- He meets - meaning word

Rejoicing, Righteousness, Remember - the combination
of these 3 are significant - we'll take middle first,
then the two that bracket & define (?) it.

1- Righteousness = obedience up to date - 2 Cor 10 -

"when your obedience is complete ...

- first we must remove the greatest problem -
ourselves, before God deals wif lesser problems = world,
circumstances

= Meet God = must be nothing between us, to prevent that meeting.

Thirdly
minister to
man

Waiting = the adjustment of former lines to them; to set my
hope on them, to look to them rather than our efforts & ingenuity
- "do nothing till you hear from me"

Two servants — one who obeys w/ reluctance out of sheer duty; the other w/ rejoicing because of who he is serving, remembering his past acts of grace: which servant is the master more apt to meet w/ favor & aid?

2. Rejoicing = because we may keep O's law w/ a soon heart — no joy in it = do it because required, not because one rejoices in it.

Ron 1 - Delight in the Law

1 John 5 - its commandments are glorious —

— joy is to be hallmark of O's people —

Greatest evil & most testimony is doing right against

joy in it —

you can't frighten or force even into righteousness — but rejoicing & remembering leads them to it.

How?

3- Remember — remember whose law it is — the difference in doing something w/ delight & no delight is who we're doing it for.

— we will do the same thing w/ joy for someone we love that would cause us unhappiness doing it for someone else.

— Remember = it is O's law, not just law

= do it w/ Him in our thoughts, bring it unto Him.

— the contemplation of the character made known by his acts.

— implies a tendency to forget; this remembering requires effort.

— it was this remembering that gave truth to the prayer in vv 1-4

remembering leads to rejoicing & this leads to righteousness & doing it w/ right spirit

Ef 2:10 =
I love my master
I love my wife
I love my children
I love my friends
I love my family