“The New Year: A Time To .... Wait?!”
Isaiah 40:28-31
Tis The Season Of ....
Waiting ... \textit{Then} Fulfillment!

Gift ideas (358 days!)
Gifts selected, wrapped

\underline{Wait}

Revelation realized!
Satisfaction of a hope fulfilled

New Year’s Eve countdown!
Isaiah 40:31

Waiting on the Lord means:
* lifestyle depends on Him
* trusting in His timing (Luke 2:25, 38)

Simeon + Anna

“From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.”

(Isaiah 64:4)
Waiting With a Focus!

“Watching and waiting, looking above; filled with His goodness, lost in His love...”

... Fanny J. Crosby
“Waiting On The Lord In The Bible”

Used over 40 times in Scripture
25 times by King David in Psalms
11 times by Isaiah

“The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him” (Lamentations 3:25).
Concept of Waiting in the NT

“tarry in Jerusalem until clothed with power from on high” (Luke 24:49).

“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Philippians 3:20).

“...and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come” (1Thessalonians 1:10).
Failing to Wait in the Bible

Abraham / Sarah + Hagar / Ishmael  
(Genesis 16:1-6)

Moses delayed mountaintop:  
Israel impatient, created a golden calf  
(Ex. 32:1)

King Saul – impulsively serves role as priest – (1 Sam. 13:8-14 vs. 1 Sam. 10:8)
Benefits Of Waiting

Vs. 29 – “He gives strength to the weary”

** compare to Galatians (6:9-10)

vs. 29 – “to him who lacks might
He increases power...”
Vs. 31 – “Of Those Who Wait On the Lord”

“Will gain new strength
Will mount up with wings as eagles
They will run and not get tired
They will walk and not become weary

Why does this matter Dec. 31, 2017??
Rediscovering Our “Roots!”
2018 Themes of Our Celebration

Fellowship (January)
Education (February)
Missions (March)
Worship/Music (April)

A Season of “Waiting” Is Followed By A Season of Fulfillment!