



**“The New Year:  
A Time To ... Wait?!”**

**Isaiah 40:28-31**

**Tis The Season Of ...**  
**Waiting ... Then Fulfillment!**

**Gift ideas (358 days!)**

**Gifts selected, wrapped**

**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!**