

**HEALING STREAM MINISTRIES** presents...

## **THE UNDILUTED, FULL STRENGTH, THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES**

with enough power to...

- **cleanse from all sin**
- **set us free from all bondage**
- **break all the power of the enemy over us**
- **restore us to total spiritual health**
- **develop immunity to all last-day deceptions**

### **#12 – The Patience of the Saints: Learning to Wait**

As you have read the wording of the three angels' messages, have you ever been puzzled at the phrase "*the patience of the saints.*" What does *patience* have to do with resisting and overcoming the beast? But if you believe that every word of Scripture is inspired, then you will also believe that there must be a specific reason why this phrase is part of the third angel's message.

It is when we become impatient in waiting upon God, when we try to take control of our lives because we do not believe that God is doing a good job, that we are tempted to create substitute gods (idols, beasts) whom we think can do a better job than the Creator God. When the Israelites, camped at the foot of Mt. Sinai, became impatient at Moses' absence, they then built a beast, the golden calf, to take God's place. When we cease trusting in our great God because we do not think He is coming through for us in a manner that pleases us, we will then make our own beasts (hobby horses, sacred cows, lesser gods who are not gods) made in our own image and we will indeed become children of our lesser gods.

Impatience with God's leading will often cause us to engage in beastlike behaviors to accomplish God's purposes in our own strength. Just ask yourself this question, What kind of person do I become when things do not go my way? Do I exhibit the traits of the Lamb or the traits of the beast? Impatience in trials and irritations can cause a whole host of beastlike behaviors. Just look at Paul's description of the believers in Galatia who bit and devoured one another in beastlike behaviors (Galatians 5:15). A refusal to wait on the One whose purposes know no haste or delay lays the foundation for the making of our own beasts/idols to make up for the seeming delay and inaction of God to satisfy our lusts NOW! Remember how often Jesus said, "My time is not yet come." We think that our time has come 5 minutes after the desire pops into our minds.

How we hate to wait. It seems such a waste of time.

- *"The times we find ourselves having to wait on others may be the perfect opportunities to train ourselves to wait on the Lord."*  
- Joni Eareckson Tada
- *"Never become irritable while waiting; if you're patient, you'll find that you can wait much faster."* - Anonymous

So the next time you have to wait for anything, rather than engaging in beastly behaviors, which may seem ever so efficient to obtain what you want, here are eight practical things to do while in God's waiting room – all taken from Psalm 37. Waiting on God gives Him the opportunity to come through for you in supernatural ways that you cannot possibly imagine. Often supernatural events are the coming together of ordinary

events with God's extra-ordinary timing to produce supernatural results that will glorify His name.

- **Do not fret.** *“Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb” (37:1,2).*
- **Trust in the Lord.** *“Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and feed on His faithfulness” (37:3).*
- **Delight yourself in God.** *“Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart” (37:4).*
- **Commit Your Way to God.** *“Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday” (37:5,6).*
- **Rest in the Lord.** *“Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of Him who prospers in the way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass”(37:7).*
- **Let go of anger:** *“Cease from anger and forsake wrath; do not fret – it only causes harm.” (37:8).*
- **Depart from evil.** *“Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell forevermore. For the Lord loves justice, and does not forsake His saints.” (37:26,27).*
- **Wait on the Lord.** *“Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall exalt you to inherit the land.” (37:34).*

As you learn to practice these, you will then discover that your patient endurance of trials is also God's fast-track to perfection. *“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produce patience; but let patience have its perfect work, that may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing” (James 1:2-4).*

Welcome to God's class, Trials 101. Do you trust Him enough to believe that He has custom-designed the contents of this class especially for you?