

Waiting

In Isa 40:30 it talks about the youth during the hard times they suffer, learning obedience through their suffering. There's no way you can learn obedience except through hard times, through suffering. That's when you have to cry out to obey, as our Master did (Heb 5:7-9).

He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. The youth shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on YHWH shall renew their strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (Isa 40:29-31)

Now, I know that our Father never gets weary. Even though He rested on the seventh day, He wasn't weary. We, in the Yellow Deli, might say we're weary, but we're not really weary. We have a purpose we're achieving, and no matter how sleepy or tired we might get, we're not weary in that spiritual sense.

Isa 40:30 says that the youth shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall. They have to wait on Yahweh. Through all they go through they have to wait and not give up. One of our young men was animated almost in a complaining way. "We're not doing what we're supposed to be doing!"

I told him that our Father has to test the stones before He can go on to do all the things He intends. He's got to test each one of us to the very core of our being before He can build on the foundation, or we'll crumble in the hard times. We'll fall apart if we don't wait on Yahweh. It's like when your ship is about to come over the horizon and you leave the pier.

The first settlers in America would wait for the ship to come over the horizon, bringing their loved ones. Some of them left the dock. They went over the hill and they never saw the ship come over the horizon, and when their loved ones came, they never

saw them. They left the dock and went over the horizon too soon. They left at the wrong time, just before the ship came over the horizon.

That's why we have to wait on Him. It tells us somewhere what He will do for those who wait on Him. What does He do? Yes, He'll renew their strength, but He'll do something else, too.

Boaz — Isa 26:3 says, "You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You."

Yes, that's true. But He does something else for those who wait on Him.

Soreph Gamaliel — Isa 30:18 says, "Therefore the Sovereign will wait, that He may be gracious to you; and therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the Sovereign is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him."

Neshef — And Ps 40:1-3 says, "I waited patiently for the Sovereign, who turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the miry pit, out of the muddy mire. He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God."

Yes, but what else does He do?

Soreph Gamaliel — Ps 37:9 says, "For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Sovereign, they shall inherit the earth."

ha-êmeq — Somewhere He promised to strongly support those whose hearts are His.

That's true, too. There are so many things that say, "Wait." But there's something else very important.

Ishshah — In Lam 3:25-26 it says, "Yahweh is good to those who wait for Him. It is good that he waits silently for the salvation of Yahweh."

Yes, we can teach our children this. We can put this into them. Then they're going to know it. So many children have gotten weary already. We have to teach our children all those places where it says, "Wait." We have to be those who wait on Him.

Mevaser — Isa 64:4 says, "Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, who acts on behalf of those who wait for Him."

That's it! He *acts* on behalf of those who wait for Him. Our children need to know that while they're waiting. Can you image the horrible feeling? The ship is coming over the horizon, but the people who were waiting on the dock leave, and they never see their loved ones? They didn't have cell phones or e-mail in those days.

Since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen any God besides You, who acts on behalf of those who wait for Him. (Isa 64:4)

But as Isa 40:30 says, "The young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on Him shall renew their strength." He didn't renew the strength of some of our youth because they didn't wait on Him. But that's what our youth have to do. They've got to run and not get weary, to walk and not faint. Let's teach our children that.

Gal 6:9 says, "Let us not grow weary while doing good..." We may become tired physically, but we don't keep the Sabbath because we're weary. We keep the Sabbath because we're satisfied with what we've done during the week. Our Father created everything in six days, and then when he created man and woman, He saw that it was *very good*. He was able to rest because He was satisfied with what He had done, not because He was weary and fatigued. That's not why we rest. We rest because we've done all we could all week, and we're able to be satisfied with the "shoe" we've made.

We've talked about this before. When you labor to make a shoe, and then you put it on and wear it, and you're satisfied. That's the context or vision for the Sabbath, and what it takes to be worthy of the Sabbath. We've done all we could and we're satisfied. Our Father was satisfied with all He did. We need to be satisfied with what we accomplish during the week. We shouldn't have to say, "Oh, I didn't love as much as I should," or, "I didn't do the deed prepared for me."

ha-êmeq — Most people in the world go to sleep weary and wake up weary. *Weary* doesn't go with whether or not we got enough sleep, but it's a symptom of something else.

Our Father doesn't get weary. There will be youth who will fall and grow weary, but not those who have been trained up to understand this. Our Father does not grow weary, and we've got to be like Him.

You wait on the ship to come over the horizon. You wait in anticipation and pray that our Father will answer your prayer. That's what faith is. You've waited patiently for the ship to come over the horizon. You didn't grow weary and give up before it came over the horizon. Then they were looking for you, but they couldn't find you. I hate to even think about it. It makes me want to cry.

Yochanan — Waiting at the dock isn't passive. You're anticipating something. Every cell of your body is alert, your eyes are focusing, you're anticipating. That's not passivity.

We have to wait on the dock even until the dock collapses.

David Zerubbabel — You're scanning the horizon and your eyes are straining to see even the top of the mast. It makes me think of the verse ha-êmeq was referring to, how our Father does the same thing. His eyes are eagerly searching the earth for those who are going to respond. Not that He doesn't know, but He's watching with anticipation to see who's going to cry out, who's going to get desperate, and then He hears that cry. That's what happened to all of us. Our Father was waiting and watching, anticipating, just as the father of the prodigal son would watch the horizon, hoping for the day he would see his son coming home. Hopefully some of those who have utterly fallen will see the effect of living by their own strength and come to the end of it.

This has to go into our children. I told that young man when he was almost complaining that our Father is testing the stones right now. It looked like he was about to break.

D'ror — I was thinking about those people who left the dock. It probably seemed to them that after so many weeks or months, their hope was in vain. I think some people who fell thought they gave Yahshua a fair shot, but it just didn't work out. But it would have been better for them to just die waiting on the dock.

Were they going to go back across the Red Sea? If you look back, you're not fit for the Kingdom. We have to put our hand to the plow. This needs to go into our curriculum to train our children up to wait on Yahweh. The Sabbath isn't because we're exhausted or we've become weary and fatigued, but because we're satisfied with what we've done. Our Father rested because He saw that what He did was very good.

ha-êmeq — As Gal 6:9 says, “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” I guess the people who left the dock grew weary because they didn't love. You can see that in some of those who left, who have recently come into the *Yellow Deli* and see what they've missed. They've gone on with their lives. For some of them it's too late.

Qatan — If their dock crumbled, it's probably because they didn't continue doing good. They waited passively and didn't maintain the dock.

It's wonderful that we're tested.