"... What wait I for?..."

Psalms 39:7

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INTRODUCTION

1. These are the words of David in time of disgust with life, and a heart full of sorrow.
2. He knew life could only have meaning when God was a part of it -- Psa. 39: 7 - 8
3. Some in this audience today need to ask themselves the question, "What wait I for?"

I. ARE YOU WAITING FOR SAVING POWER?

1. The gospel is God’s saving power -- Rom. 1: 16; I Cor. 15: 1- 2; I Cor. 4:15
2. The gospel is complete and sufficient -- II Tim. 3: 16 - 17; Rom. 10: 6 - 17; Jude 3; Psa. 19: 7
3. Your need today is to obey the gospel.

II. ARE YOU WAITING UNTIL YOU GET GOOD ENOUGH?

1. Paul was not perfect -- Phil. 3: 12 - 14
2. No man is perfectly sinless -- I John 1: 8 - 10
3. The Bible teaches we are to come into Christ and grow toward perfection -- I Pet. 2: 1- 2; II Pet. 3:18; Heb. 5: 12 - 14
4. Friend, today if you are out of Christ you are without hope -- Acts 4: 12; II Thess. 1: 8 - 9

III. ARE YOU WAITING UNTIL YOU GET OLDER?

1. Young people, sin separates you from God -- Isa. 59: 1 - 2; Rom. 6:23
2. Jesus said that if you die in your sins "Whither I go, ye cannot come..." -- John 8:21
3. Young people die just like older people.
4. Young people, it will be bad to spend eternity in hell -- Matt. 13:42; Mark 9:46
5. God wants the young to remember Him in the days of their youth -- Eccl. 12:1

IV. ARE YOU WAITING UNTIL ALL THE HYPOCRITES GET OUT OF THE CHURCH?

1. Friend, there has always been hypocrites in the church and there always will be.
   (1) Ananias and Sapphira -- Acts 5: 1 - 11
   (2) Paul talked about false brethren -- Gal. 2: 4
2. Anyone standing between you and God is closer to Him than you are.
3. Better to be with them in the church than in Hell for eternity with them.

V. ARE YOU WAITING TO FEEL RIGHT?

1. Feeling is the result of belief whether right or wrong.
2. Examples:
   (1) Jacob believed Joseph was dead -- Gen. 37: 35
(2) Paul -- I Tim. 1: 13; Acts 23: 1

3. To feel right you must do right:
   (1) The eunuch -- Acts 8:39
   (2) The Jailor -- Acts 16:34

VI. ARE YOU WAITING FOR A MORE CONVENIENT TIME?

1. Felix was hunting a "convenient season" -- Acts 24: 25

2. It never came to Felix.

3. Paul said, "Now is the accepted time" -- II Cor. 6:2

4. To delay is to add sin -- James 4:17

CONCLUSION

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