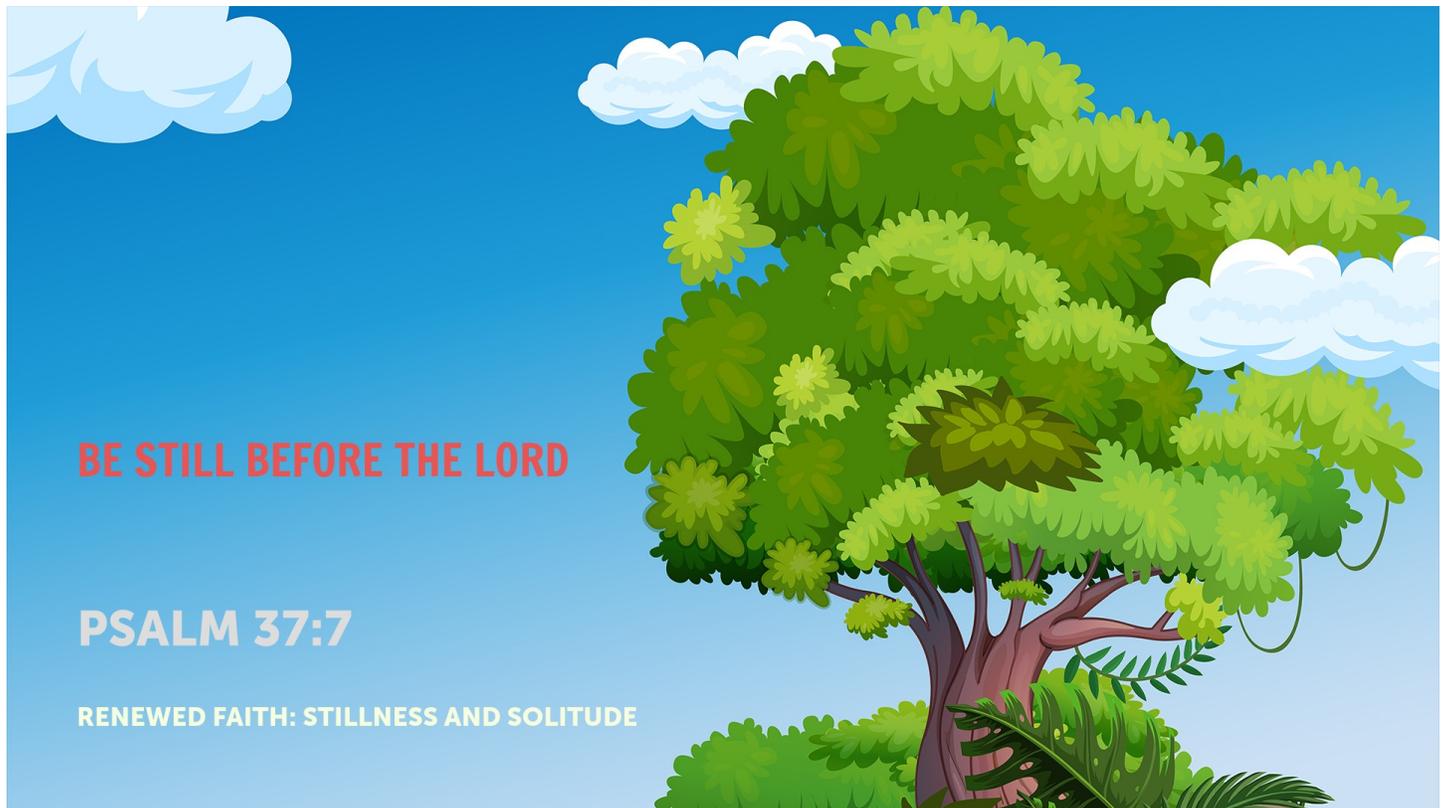


# Be Still Before the Lord

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Be prepared to patiently look toward God for his guidance and accept his proposed timing. Waiting on God can lead to an atmosphere of expectation and confidence in God and realizing the unreliability of one's judgment.



## **Psalm 37:7 ESV**

<sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;  
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,  
over the man who carries out evil devices!

## Waiting on God is something that is commanded

## **Hosea 12:6 ESV**

<sup>6</sup> “So you, by the help of your God, return,  
hold fast to love and justice,  
and wait continually for your God.”

## Reasons for waiting on God

### For His Providence

#### **Jeremiah 14:22 ESV**

<sup>22</sup> Are there any among the false gods of the nations that can bring rain?  
Or can the heavens give showers?  
Are you not he, O LORD our God?  
We set our hope on you,  
for you do all these things.

### For His Salvation

#### **Psalms 25:5 ESV**

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.

### For His Blessings

#### **Psalms 145:15-16 ESV**

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.  
<sup>16</sup> You open your hand;  
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

## Waiting on Christ

#### **James 5:7-8 ESV**

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

## The benefits of waiting on God

### Stillness leads to expectancy

#### **Psalms 5:3 ESV**

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<sup>3</sup> O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;  
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

## Stillness leads to hope

**Psalm 33:20 ESV**

<sup>20</sup> Our soul waits for the LORD;  
he is our help and our shield.

## Stillness leads to trust

**Isaiah 8:17 ESV**

<sup>17</sup> I will wait for the LORD, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him.

## Stillness leads to patience

**Romans 8:23–25 ESV**

<sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**God's Plan of Salvation**

- Hear** (Image of an ear) **Romans 10:17**
- Believe** (Image of crosses) **John 8:24**
- Repent** (Image of a U-turn sign) **2 Peter 3:9**
- Confess** (Image of a person's mouth) **Romans 10:9**
- Be Baptized** (Image of two people in water) **Acts 2:38**
- Remain Faithful** (Image of a muscular arm) **Revelation 2:10**