



REFLECTIONS

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Blessed are all who wait for [the Lord]!

Isaiah 30:18

Running Ahead...

Who doesn't notice the energy of little children? They are always going to places they shouldn't go, doing things they shouldn't do, with things they shouldn't have. And they always seem to be in such a hurry. They can't wait to get to the places their parents are taking them, or for dinner to be ready, or for Christmas to come. Little children seem to be born with impatience, running ahead of their parents even when they are asked to wait.

Then I think about myself. I'm always going to places I shouldn't go, doing things I shouldn't do, with things I shouldn't have. And I always seem to be in a hurry too.

Hurry, hurry, hurry. It's as if life is a race against the clock, to meet deadlines whether imposed or imagined. Of course, there are times when one must hurry, but is it necessary to cram as many activities as possible into one day, or be on time for every event, or to capitalize on every opportunity?

Yet, it shouldn't be surprising. I am, after all, a child of God who can't seem to wait to get where the Father is taking me, or to receive His provision, or for days of special blessing. I seem to be born with the impatience of most children, running ahead of my Father.

Scripture says: *"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."* (Psalm 27:14)

And some promises come with it: *those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.* (Isaiah 40:31) And,

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; (Lamentations 3:25)

And some requests to make: *guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.* (Psalms 25:5) Then:

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. (Psalms 130:5)

And finally: *I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.* (Psalms 40:1)

Now, *My soul [seeks] rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him.* (Psalms 62:1)

"You are the light of the world,"

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