

JULY 28

“IT IS HARDER — AND MORE PRODUCTIVE — TO WAIT THAN TO WORK.”

READ

Psalm 34:19, Psalm 103:1-5

We are promised that in life we're going to be distressed, but God has also promised that He will deliver us. So, what will you do in between the two? The Bible teaches us to praise Him while we wait. That delay is not denial. The Bible teaches us that while God is working all of this out, we ought to trust Him enough to be thanking Him for it. If you're in distress right now and you're praying, "God, get me out of it" — wrong prayer! God is going to deliver you. He made that promise. So until the promise comes, you ought to praise Him. You ought to open your Bible and go through the litany of great men and women who found themselves in distressful times, but chose to sing a song, write a prayer, lift a hand, and give God glory. If you will do those things, and praise Him anyway, it won't seem quite as long until deliverance comes. If you're in distress, remember His Word says, "The Lord delivers them out of them all." So, praise Him right now!

PRAY

Remind me that You are preparing me for Your service now and in the age to come. That process requires what feels like distress. While I wait on You, I worship. Praise Your Holy Name.

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