

WAITING ON GOD: FACETS OF THE DIAMOND

1. INTRODUCTION



HOW DO WE WAIT ON GOD?

Our private and public prayers are the chief expression of our relationship to God; it is in prayer that our waiting upon God must first be exercised. Our waiting begins by quieting the activities of nature and being still before God; it bows and seeks to see God in His universal and almighty operation, alone able and always ready to work all good; it yields itself to God in the assurance that He is working and will work in us; it maintains this place of humility and stillness and surrender until the Spirit infuses us with the faith that He will perfect His work. If we pray like this, our waiting will indeed become the strength and the joy of the soul. Life will become one deep blessed cry: “My soul, wait only on God!” (From Day 2)

IN PRACTICE IT IS AS SIMPLE AS SETTING THE TIMER ON YOUR PHONE TO 5 MINUTES (ETC.) (SO THAT YOU DO NOT WORRY ABOUT THE TIME WHILE WAITING ON THE LORD). THEN WAIT ON YOUR KING! (WE CALL THIS “WAIT FIVE”)

Where do I find out more about Waiting on God?

Murray, Andrew, *Waiting on God: A 31 day journey into God's Word on prayer and waiting on God*

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In addition to the Bible, we recommend Andrew Murrays 31 day devotions as a good resource for Waiting on God insights. In this document and in the Facets of the Diamond of Waiting on God Table below the “days” refer to Andrew Murrays daily devotions.

Also look on www.ignitingprayeraction.org (will soon be the main Waiting on God website) or contact Colin or Willem (details below).

If you want to be **kept informed** of Waiting on God resources to come (for example, a modern English translation, videos on the 31 days, etc.) e-mail Colin at colin@ignitingprayeraction.org

Facets of the Diamond of Waiting on God

As one reads through Andrew Murrays 31 day devotions on Waiting on God, it is as if different facets of the diamond of Waiting on God opens up and sparkles with his wondrous Light! In the table below you will find 30+ such facets (There are more than 31 more waiting to be discovered!). Write to Willem to get a more complete Table. **Only the Lord and you will complete your diamond!** (There is a space to note down yours!)



HOW TO USE THE TABLE

EACH FACET HIGHLIGHTS A CERTAIN CHARACTERISTIC OF GOD. SO START BY TAKING ONE FACET AND “THINKING ABOUT GOD AS ... THAT FACET. *THINK*. THEN READ THE “SCRIPTURE: HIS WORD SAYS” AND PONDER THE VERSE. THEN READ “THEREFOR I WAIT ON HIM ...” AND BECOME SILENT AND WAIT ON HIM. WE RECOMMEND 5+ MINUTES, MINIMUM 2 MINUTES. YOU CAN DO ONE FACET AT A TIME, OR MORE AND IN ANY ORDER.

ENJOY AND GLORIFY THE LORD!

| FACET | THINKING ABOUT GOD AS ... | SCRIPTURE: HIS WORD SAYS: | THEREFOR I WAIT ON HIM ... |
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| 1. | The God of our Salvation | "Truly my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation." (Psalm 62:1) | In absolute and unceasing dependence for my full salvation. Salvation through the work of Christ brought me to Him to know He is All to me. (Day 1). Note: The work of Salvation is only completed/"known" at the Great Throne Judgement when the books are finally opened and all people are judged. |
| 2. | The God who continues to work out every aspect of my Salvation. | "I have waited for your salvation, O Lord!" (Genesis 49:18) | Because every aspect of our glorious salvation from today up to us enjoying the full and final glory of our redemption are being worked out moment by moment by God Himself. (Day 2) |
| 3. | The God who continues to work out every aspect of the Salvation of all people. | "I have waited for your salvation, O Lord!" (Genesis 49:18) | For the working out of His Salvation in people around me, the not-yet-saved, building the Church of Christ in the whole world. (Day 2) |
| 4. | The God who maintains His creation. | "These all wait for You, That You may give them their food in due season. What You give them they gather in; You open Your hand, they are filled with good." (Psalm 104:27-28.) | Because just as it was God's work to create, so it is His work to maintain His creation. Waiting on God restores our original identity and highest position; it restores us to our true place and glory as creatures blessedly dependent on our glorious God. (Day 3) |
| 5. | The God who supplies all that is needed. | " The LORD upholds all who fall, And raises up all <i>who are</i> bowed down. The eyes of all look expectantly to You, And You give them their food in due season." (Psalm 145:14-15) | As I cannot/dare not proceed without the necessary supplies. We need to wait for the Lord to send the required supplies to proceed. Just wait quietly on Him. Wait on God to come to us in His own way and with Divine power. Allow the Holy Spirit to stir up in your soul the child-like attitude of absolute dependence and confident expectation. (Day 4) |
| 6. | The God who gives the orders or instructions. | "Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You <i>are</i> the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day." (Psalm 25:4-5.) | Because I cannot proceed without the final instructions/orders from my Commander-in-Chief. I need to know His way and His path. My attitude should be humble - "The humble He teaches His way." (Ps. 25:9) The special surrender to divine guidance in our times of prayer should cultivate the habit of looking upwards "all the day." Consider how simple it is to walk all the day in the light of the sun; it can become just as simple and delightful to a soul to practice waiting on God. (Day 5) |

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| 7. | THINKING ABOUT GOD AS ... The God who cares for all the Believers. | BECAUSE HIS WORD SAYS: “Let no one who waits on You be ashamed.”—Psalm 25:3. | THEREFOR I WAIT ON HIM ... And call on him for all the Believers worldwide in different situations who are waiting on God. Only when this intercession for others who wait on God becomes part of our waiting on Him for ourselves, do we begin to bear each other’s burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ. (Day 6) |
| 8. | The holy living God full of wisdom, power, goodness and glory. | “Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on You.” (Psalm 25:21.) | And find that in my first attempt to live the life of full and continually waiting on God, I may discover how much I lack perfect integrity. If so, count this as just one of the many blessings that waiting is meant to work. <i>I cannot seek close fellowship with God, nor attain the abiding consciousness of waiting on Him all the day, without complete honesty and entire surrender to all His will.</i> |
| 9. | The God who will give me courage and strengthen my heart and faith. | “ Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!” (Psalm 27:14.) | To strengthen me, give me faith and courage when I face difficult situations. Even when it appears to me as if God hides himself from me, I can have faith and courage that as I surrender to Him, my deliverance is close. (Day 8) |
| 10. | The God who brings me untold and unexpected blessing. | “ Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!” (Psalm 27:14.) | Because I resolve even before I wait on God, that I will wait with the most confident expectation of God meeting and blessing me. (Day 8) |
| 11. | The God who is what He is. | “ Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!” (Psalm 27:14.) | Because of WHO HE IS and not because of what He will do for me. My present state, feelings and expectations should not deter me. He is such a blessed Being overflowing with goodness, power, life, love and joy, that in contact with Him while waiting, His Being starts to overflow into me. (Day 8) |
| 12. | The God who is love. | “ For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son ...” (John 3:16 ^a , 1 John 4:16) NIV | Because the fact that He is love is the all-sufficient warrant for my expectation. I bring myself as I am into the sunshine of God’s omnipotent love, for Him to do His work in me, the weak one. (Day 8) |

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| 13. | THINKING ABOUT GOD AS ... The God who wants my heart. | BECAUSE HIS WORD SAYS: “Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.” — Psalm 31:24 (ESV) | THEREFOR I WAIT ON HIM ... With my heart. All our waiting depends on the state of the heart. As our heart is, so are we before God. (Day 9) |
| 14. | The God who wants live in my heart through His Holy Spirit. | “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” (Proverbs 3:5 NIV) | Because it takes courage to let my heart alone have faith and trust God and not to depend on my understanding to serve God. I should resist the temptation of leaning on my understanding, even if it has clear thoughts. (Day 9) |
| 15. | The God who wants to commune with me through my heart continually. | “Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.” — Psalm 31:24 (ESV) | And no knowledge of the truths of God can benefit me, except as the Holy Spirit enters into my inmost being and dwells within me. It is with the heart I must wait upon God; it is into the heart I must receive God; it is in the heart God gives the Spirit and every spiritual blessing in Christ. I should place my whole heart, with its secret workings, into God’s hands continually. (Day 9) |
| 16. | The Almighty God who is watching me NOW. | Behold, the eye of the LORD <i>is</i> on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy, To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the LORD; He <i>is</i> our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, Because we have trusted in His holy name. Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, Just as we hope in You.” — Psalm 33:18-22 | Because, as a child of God, as one who has hope in His mercy, I know He looks at me now. Realizing, as a human “with a history” that God might look at me in anger, I might feel fear. The wonder that I should now realize is that in My Lord the apparent conflict of fearing Him, but having hope in His mercy is found side by side in perfect and beautiful harmony. (1 John 4:16-19) (Day 10) |
| 17. | The Almighty God who is watching me NOW as I bow before Him in holy fear. | Behold, the eye of the LORD <i>is</i> on those who fear Him, ... (Psalm 33:18-22 as above) | And in humility I bow before Him, because He is my help and shield. His eye is on me! That eye sees the danger, and sees in tender love His trembling waiting child; that eye also sees the moment when the heart is ripe for the blessing, and sees the way in which it is to come. (Day 10) |

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| 18. | THINKING ABOUT GOD AS ... The Almighty God who is watching us NOW as we bow before Him in holy fear. | BECAUSE HIS WORD SAYS: Behold, the eye of the LORD <i>is</i> on those who fear Him, ... (Psalm 33:18-22 as above) | THEREFOR I WAIT ON HIM ... Because He is not only watching me, but <i>us, God's people</i> . He is <i>our</i> help and shield and His mercy is on <i>us</i> , as we hope in Him! <i>Our</i> hearts will rejoice in Him! (Day 10)* |
| 19. | The God who loves patience. | "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; ... but those who wait on the Lord, they shall inherit the earth." — Psalm 37:7, 9 | With patient endurance. Resting and waiting on Him often shows my impatience, which hinders my progress in following Him. These I can then confess and return to the resting in Him. (Day 11) |
| 20. | The God who rewards patience. | "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; ... but those who wait on the Lord, they shall inherit the earth." — Psalm 37:7, 9 | Because in His wonderful mercy it is not my works and prayers of many words that will bring my inheritance, but my resting in Him and my waiting patiently for Him. The reward: Nothing less than the earth! "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth ... " (Rev 21:1-4) (Day 11) |
| 21. | The God who works in us through patience. | "But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing" (James 1:4) | Because the Holy Spirit works patience in me which helps to produce a Christlike life and character in me. (Day 11) |
| 22. | The God of mercy. | "So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy" (Romans 9:16). | Because I have as little power to strengthen my spiritual life, as I had to originate it. All the exercises of the spiritual life, our reading and praying, our willing and doing, have merit. But they can do no more than point the way and prepare us in humility to depend alone on a merciful God, and to wait patiently for His perfect timing. (Day 11)* |
| 23. | The God who receives glory as we rest patiently in Him | "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; ... but those who wait on the Lord, they shall inherit the earth." — Psalm 37:7, 9 "I the Lord will hasten it <i>in its time</i> " (Isaiah 60:22) | Because it is in resting in the Lord, in His will and promise and faithfulness and love, that patience becomes easy. And the resting in the Lord is nothing but being silent before Him, still before Him. My thoughts and wishes, my fears and hopes are hushed in that great peace of God which passes all understanding. And then the Lord ... (Day 11) |
| 24. | The Lord who is found in His ways. | "Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall exalt you to inherit the land." — Psalm 37:34 | Because I want to find Him . One finds someone where the person is. God is never found outside His ways. So that is where I will seek Him. How? By having a desire, an attitude to keep His ways. (Day 12) |
| 25. | As the God wants me to wait on Him AND keep His ways. | "Wait on the Lord, and keep His way,." — Psalm 37:34a | To do both things He requests: Me waiting on Him; AND me doing what He wants me to do. My inner life should be in harmony with my outer life! (Day 12) |

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| 26. | THINKING ABOUT GOD AS ... The God who wants to exalt me! | BECAUSE HIS WORD SAYS: “Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall exalt you to inherit the land.”— Psalm 37:34 | THEREFOR I WAIT ON HIM ... Because I have surrendered my conduct to Him, who then blesses me as I wait on Him! (Day 12) |
| 27. | The God who strengthens me to keep His ways. | “Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall exalt you to inherit the land.”— Psalm 37:34 | Because I rely on God to renew my strength to run in His ways and not be weary, and to walk in His paths and not faint (Isaiah 40:31) (Day 12) |
| 28. | The God who is able to give me more than I hope for. | “And now, Lord, What do I wait for? My hope is in You. Deliver me from all my transgressions.” – Psalm 39:7-8 | Because my hope is in the Lord who is “able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think.” (Ephesians 3:20) (Day 13) |
| 29. | The God who cannot be limited. | “And now, Lord, What do I wait for? My hope is in You. Deliver me from all my transgressions.” – Psalm 39:7-8 | Because He knows best how to answer my prayers and respond to my waiting on Him. In no way should I allow my mind or the words of others to limit my Lord. (Day 13) |
| 30. | The God who wants to be my hope and deliverer. | “And now, Lord, What do I wait for? My hope is in You. Deliver me from all my transgressions.” – Psalm 39:7-8 | Because He loves me when I acknowledge my ignorance, wait on Him and declare my total dependence on Him. (Day 13) |
| 31. | The God who is honored by my patience. | “I waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined to me and heard my cry.” Psalm 40:1-2. | Because my patience gives God the first place – it honors Him and gives Him time to work in me. (Day 14) |
| 32. | The God who wants His will to be done – on earth as it is in heaven. | “I waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined to me and heard my cry.” Psalm 40:1-2. | Because as I lose my will in being patient, His will can be done in my life. (Day 14) |
| 33. | The God who strengthens me to be patient with His might. | <i>“strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power.”</i> And for what? <i>“For all patience and longsuffering with joy”</i> (Colossians 1:11) | When we are inclined to despair, it is God who strengthens us with His might and nurtures us in the patience of the saints, even the patience of Christ Himself. (2 Thes 3:5) (Day 14) |
| 34. | The God who works through the patience that grow in me. | “I waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined to me and heard my cry ... He has put a new song in my mouth, even praise to our God.” Psalm 40:1-3. | Because as I struggle and cry through the difficulty of waiting again and again on God, He raises me from the helplessness of the stillness of my soul and reveals Himself. Then and only then His song burst out of me and I praise Him! (Day 14) |

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| 35. | THINKING ABOUT GOD AS ... The God who patiently makes me a vessel for His Holy Spirit. | BECAUSE HIS WORD SAYS: “Truly my soul silently waits for God; from Him comes my salvation: He only is my rock and my salvation” (Psalm 62:1) | THEREFOR I WAIT ON HIM ... Because as He progressively brings all the elements of patience into maturity (like a rock) in me, I become a vessel in which His Holy Spirit can move and flow. (Day 14) |
| 36. | The God who takes me from pit of despair to song. | “I waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined to me, and heard my cry. He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay. He has set my feet upon a rock and established my steps. He has put a new song in my mouth—praise to our God” (Psalm 40:1-3). | Because He is with me even in the horrible pit of despair. His reward is a deeper revelation of God Himself so that I burst out in song to Him! (Day 14) |
| 37. | My God of wise counsel. | “They soon forgot His works: they did not wait for His counsel: ...But they rebelled in their counsel.” — (Psalm 106:13, 43) | Because I realize that I need more than God’s Word and my own thoughts about it – I need God’s wise counsel for my current situation. (Day 15) |
| 38. | Our God of wise counsel | “They soon forgot His works: they did not wait for His counsel: ...But they rebelled in their counsel.” — (Psalm 106:13, 43) | Because when we corporately seek God’s face for answers through His Word, precedent, from wise ones, we need to remember to wait for His counsel. Our first objective must be to ascertain the mind of God. (This is for family, church, Non-profits, business, educational institutions, government – all spheres of society) (Day 15) |
| 39. | Our God whose counsel might give us more than we could think. | “They soon forgot His works: they did not wait for His counsel: ...But they rebelled in their counsel.” — (Psalm 106:13, 43) | Because I/we do not want to let my/our thoughts about God’s Word or past deeds, determine my/our forward action, where He might have a much better solution for me/us. (God provided water for the Israelites, but they could not trust him for bread.) (Day 15) |
| 40. | The God who gave His Holy Spirit as our Guide and Teacher. | “They soon forgot His works: they did not wait for His counsel: ...But they rebelled in their counsel.” — (Psalm 106:13, 43) | Because I do not want to hinder God and the Holy Spirit as my Guide and Teacher today. (Day 15) |
| 41. | The God who waits continually on me. | “So you, by the help of your God, return; observe mercy and | Continually. This may seem impossible! Did we not say Wait Five? Yes, but He waits continually on me, His child! So therefor by His grace, I go higher and ask |

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| | | justice, and wait on your God continually.” (Hosea 12:6) “On You I wait <i>all the day</i> ” (Psalm 25:5) | Him to help me wait on Him all day, even as I go about my daily tasks! (Day 30) |
| 42. | Your Facet: THINKING ABOUT GOD AS ... | BECAUSE HIS WORD SAYS: | THEREFOR I WAIT ON HIM ... |

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L-10-T is an equipping program based on Luke 10 where Jesus sends the 70 disciples out before Him. L-10-T enables ordinary believers to touch all the people around them as they move through life for Jesus. Their relationships with all around them improve – with God, with the people around them (both believers and not-yet-believers), with those they are in conflict with, with those in need around them. The transformation is both internally (Love, Joy and Peace!) and externally. From a ministry perspective L-10-T equips disciples to make disciple making disciples. As of 2020 L-10-T Master Trainers have been trained in 41 countries.

Willem got to know the concept of Waiting on God through Colin Millar and Andrew Murray’s book in 2020 and fell in love with *Waiting on God!* He has now incorporated Waiting on God in L-10-T.

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