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*Proverbs 25:11 observes, "Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a word spoken in right circumstances." It is the aim of this newsletter to say those words that will give you a "window on the word."*

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## Website Update

**W**e are very pleased with the progress of Word of Truth's website. As of this printing, we have over 1,000 of Chester's classes from over 60 different series on the site available for streaming audio or downloading. The newest classes to be added are:

- Genesis
- Daniel
- Mark
- Feasts of Israel

Check the website often, new classes are being added on a continual basis. And let your friends and family know of the website as well. The address is [www.wordoftruthkc.org](http://www.wordoftruthkc.org). We hope that believers everywhere will benefit from this instant access to Chester's teaching. □

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*Suggested Studies* \_\_\_\_\_

## New Romans Classes Now on CD

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## Christmas Cards

**C**hristmas cards will be available for shipping before Thanksgiving. See the enclosed flyer for full details about this year's card. If you'd like to order cards or tracts, please use the order form at the bottom of that flyer. □

## Learning to Wait on God, Part 2

(continued from July "Window on the Word", now viewable on the website)

*"...Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."* —Isaiah 25:9 (NASB)

**An attitude of eager expectation undaunted by delay—**

• *Is the nutrient of inner strength*

Isaiah 40:31 expresses this idea saying, "Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they walk and not become weary." The results of patiently trusting the Lord are supernatural in nature. Whoever ran without becoming weary?

• *Is supported by the fact that the future is the Lord's*

In Proverbs 23:17-18 we are told, "Do not let your heart envy sinners, but live in the fear of the Lord always. Surely there is a

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future, and your hope will not be cut off." Why would a believer envy sinners? The answer is seen in that sinners are doing so well—they prosper. Proverbs sets in front the truth that where there is a future there is hope. This is enormously encouraging because the future is the Lord's—this is the message of all prophecy that anticipates the Lord's return and reign. Unless we believe that God alone writes the final chapter, this attitude is impossible and untenable.

- ***Should be cultivated in childhood***

Psalm 71:5 reads, "For Thou art my hope; O Lord God, Thou art my confidence from my youth." The word hope is the noun form of the verb wait and thus is part of the idea of patient trust. It is important to note that this trust was developed in the psalmist's very early years.

- ***Is the pathway to true greatness***

Isaiah 49:23 anticipates the future when "...They will bow down to you with their faces to the earth, and lick the dust of your feet; and you will know that I am the Lord; those who hopefully wait for Me will not be put to shame."

- ***Finds its basis in the revealed word of God***

Psalm 130:5 says, "I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, and in His word do I hope." Expectant hope is not mere human optimism based on what we would like to be; true hope is derived from the promises of the word of God, which are absolutely certain.

In conclusion, we make the following observations. First, we may say that the trust of eager expectation undaunted by delay has forsaken all programs of instant gratification. It is satisfied to wait for that which is certain to come even though it is not present today.

Second, it therefore follows that the trust of eager expectation undaunted by delay demonstrates commitment to God by refusing to make Him vindicate Himself by adherence to a human timetable.

Third, the trust of eager expectation undaunted by delay expresses the confidence that God will demonstrate His faithfulness at the appropriate moment. It surrenders all human ideas of when that moment may be and thus rests all things with the Lord.

Fourth, waiting is difficult because it causes us to admit that we can do nothing to achieve our desired end. It thrusts us on God as nothing else does. This admission is the first requirement of salvation and the blessing that follows. Waiting is God's means of forcing us to admit that we are not the key to our problems—He is! □