

## BBC - 7/28/24 PM - Home Study Outline – “Endure, Wait, Be-Still”

Text: [Ps 118:12-16](#) & [89:13](#) – *What do these verses suggest concerning the power of God’s helping hand to us?*

Message synopsis: *The various ways God uses to save us out of seemingly impossible situations, and what our trust should look like.*

### 1. Endure:

In [Exodus 17](#), shortly after their miraculous exodus from enslavement in Egypt, the Israelites are attacked by the Amelekites. Moses, assisted by Joshua & Hur are watching the battle from a nearby hilltop, and God miraculously helps the Israelites using and depending upon Moses and his companions to accomplish it.

Questions:

- 1- *What action by Moses caused the Israelites to prevail? And, how was he helped by his companions?*
- 2- *How does an attitude of trusting worship, and corporate worship, help us prevail in spiritual warfare?*
- 3- *What do the passages found in [Galatians 6:9](#) & [2 Thessalonians 3:13](#) exhort us about endurance?*

### 2. Wait:

In [Joshua 9](#), after 40 years in the wilderness, and shortly after entering into their Promised Land, being now led by Joshua, the Israelites are attacked by a 6-nation alliance. One of them (*the Hivites of Gibeon; who feared defeat by the Israelites*), independently from (*and unknown to*) the alliance, embarked on a secret mission to dishonestly approach the Israelites and trick them into a truce. 3 days before the Israelites discovered that these people had indeed originally been part of the enemy alliance, and without first seeking God’s direction ([Josh 9:14-15](#)), the Israelites entered into a peace-oath treaty with them.

In [Joshua 10](#), an alliance of 5 Amorite kings attacked Gibeon for their defection. The Gibeonites now sought help from the Israelites, who they had tricked into their treaty. In spite of the deception, the Israelites honored the treaty and defended the Hivites of Gibeon. The Israelite people were angry that their leaders allowed themselves to be tricked, which led into a conflict not their own. But God supernaturally helped them anyway. Besides the hailstones, the sun/moon miracle God used was extraordinary ([10:11-14](#)).

Questions:

- 1- *Were the Israelite leaders right to honor their peace treaty with the Hivites of Gibeon, even though it was entered into through the Gibeonites’ deception? What was the reason the Israelites did so?*
- 2- *Why did God employ such an extraordinary miracle of extending daylight so people could keep fighting?*
- 3- *Even though Israel was helping Gibeon to avenge an injustice, [10:14](#) says that God helped Israel. Why?*
- 4- [Rom 12:19](#) - *Even after getting ourselves into messes and we try to manage the mess with integrity, do we sometimes still have to wait for God to avenge us? Do we benefit when God vindicates Himself?*

### 3. Be Still:

In [2 Kings 19](#), Judah’s ‘good’ king Hezekiah, after sincerely trying to do everything right before God, is in despair finding himself besieged in a military stranglehold by the enemy Assyrians. The Assyrians, citing their great victories and invincibility are taunting Israel, insulting Israel’s God, and demoralizing the Israeli people. As their strategy is working, the helpless Hezekiah seeks God in the Temple. Isaiah the prophet brings an encouraging word, and then that very night God independently, without Hezekiah’s involvement, sends His angel to eliminate 185,000 of the Assyrian army. At times God’s miracles are to enable us to do something, here the miracle occurred while God’s people were paralyzed by helplessness (*except for prayer*).

Questions:

- 1- *Considering the Lord’s end-time return ([1 Cor 15:51-52](#); [1 Thes 4:16-18](#)), how does this compare?*
- 2- *What do these passages say about enduring ([Matt 24:13](#)), waiting ([Isa 40:31](#)), and Being still ([Ps 46:10](#))?*