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Watchwords for Christians.



WAIT ON THE LORD.

THE Lord intends to keep his people dependent upon himself. He has every thing they do or can need. He intends to supply all their wants ; but he will be applied to. He will have his people wait on him, and wait for him. In doing so, he will try their faith, fortitude, patience, and perseverance. He will sometimes put them to a severe test, but he will never

fail them, forsake them, or leave them destitute. If they trust in him, plead with him, and wait on him, they will be raised to a state of comparative independence, for they need not fear any man, or any circumstance, or any state they can be in. The Lord will be to them a God. He will do for them all that a God can do; and that is, all they can require, all that is consistent with their welfare and his own glory. Believer, you may be independent of all creation by realizing thy dependence upon thy God, and waiting upon him continually. You must believe the love he has to you, his watchful care over you, his delight in you,

the promises he has given you, the provision he has made for you, the glory he will get by you, and the honor to which he intends to raise you. In so doing, the fear of man will die, joy in God will spring up, the peace of God will fill your heart and mind, your dependence on creatures will cease, and you will be happy in looking only to the Lord. "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him."
"Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it."

Wait in all Circumstances.

You can be in no circumstances in which the Lord can not help you, in which he will not help you, if you look simply to him, rest on him, and wait for him. For every condition in which you may be placed, there is a promise; by that promise the Lord stands pledged to appear for you and help you; his pledge he is ever ready to redeem, by delivering you; only he will have you believe his word, exercise confidence in him, plead the promise at his throne, and wait for its fulfillment. *Wait, then, on the Lord at all times.* Times will change, creatures will vary, but the Lord remains always the

same. In youth and health, in manhood and prosperity, in age and its infirmities, we should wait on the Lord. He will adapt his mercies to us, make all his goodness pass before us, and cause all things to work together for our good. He will never leave us, change his views of us, or withhold his tender mercies from us. He is faithful to his word, true to his character, and full of love to his people. Whatever change there may be in creatures, there is no change in him. Health may give way to sickness, plenty to poverty, strength to weakness, and life to death, but he is the same. With him there is no variableness,