A man in a black tuxedo jacket, white shirt, and grey bowtie is sitting at a wooden desk. He is looking down at a red laptop computer. The background shows a window with light-colored curtains. The text "But this is America! I want it now!" is overlaid at the bottom of the image in a white, italicized font.

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Today's Message:
Grateful While Waiting

Connecting Gratitude with Worship

Romans 1:21-23

21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

Waiting on God

Psalm 38:15

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Psalm 33:20

We wait in hope for the Lord;
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Psalm 130:5-6

5 I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

6 I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Waiting on God

Micah 7:7

7 But as for me, I will look to the Lord;
I will wait for the God of my salvation;
my God will hear me.

Waiting on God

Isaiah 30:18

18 Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you;
therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.

For the Lord is a God of justice.
Blessed are all who wait for him!

Waiting on God

Psalm 27:14

14 Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.

This is an exhortation, not to others, but to himself. His stronger self exhorts his weaker self not to despair, but to wait upon God...and, meanwhile to be of good courage; or, be strong.

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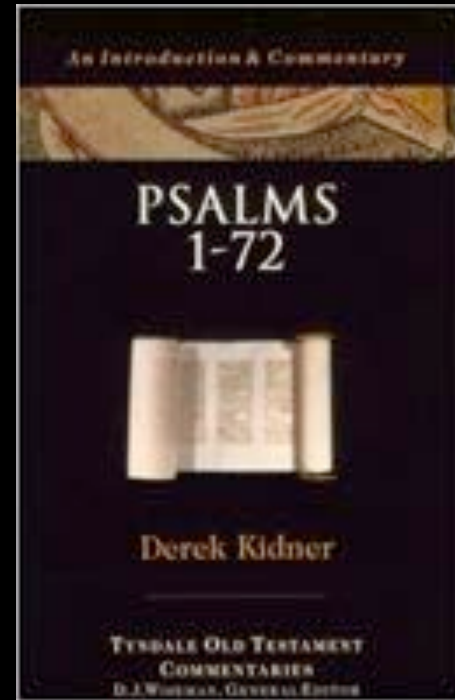
In the closing verse the Psalmist exhorts himself...“Be firm, and let thy heart show itself strong” – This does not express a comforting promise (such as) “He *will* strengthen” nor indeed...the wish that Jehovah (YHWH) would strengthen the heart.

~Johann Peter Lange,
A Commentary on the Holy Scriptures: Psalms



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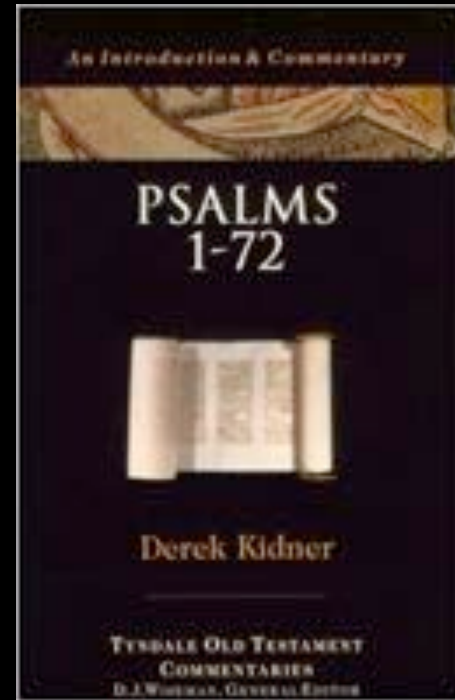
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43 Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body.

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Galatians 4:4-7

4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. e 6 Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." 7 So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

We are a waiting people

Romans 8:18-25

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

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22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.





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I've been so lonely and sad lately. I've had a number of friends get married or move, and it's left me feeling left behind. Pray that God would meet me in this season and bring new people into my life or enrich existing friendships.

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An iceberg floating in the ocean, with a small tip above the water and a much larger, submerged portion below the surface. The water is a deep blue, and the sky is a pale, overcast grey. The iceberg is light blue and white, with some darker blue shadows on its submerged part.

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