

**MARRIED WELL
WAITING ON GOD
PSALM 33:1-5**

INTRODUCTION:

1. Comments
2. You are doing the right thing, but there's trouble in your marriage. You're tired of waiting on God.
3. What should you do?
4. **Psalm 33:1-5**
5. Five things you can do while you wait on God.

I. RESPOND WITH A GODLY ATTITUDE

- A. v.1, "Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones; praise from the upright is beautiful."
- B. "Rejoice" – Literally, "dance for joy", very strong expression. Not passive or stoic.
- C. Why should I respond with a godly attitude?
 1. Helps me focus on the positive. Look for the good.
 2. Others are watching and learning. Influence
 3. It reveals my authenticity. "From the upright" Reveals what's inside.
 4. It reflects God's beauty. "Praise from the upright is beautiful."
- D. Notice: "Rejoice in the Lord."

1. The Lord is the object of my affection.
 2. My family is not the object of my affection.
 3. I love Him. I love them.
- E. Spurgeon – “To rejoice in temporal comforts is dangerous, to rejoice in self is foolish, to rejoice in sin is fatal, but to rejoice in God is heavenly.” It is beautiful.
- F. Illustration – Fast food story.
- G. While you wait, respond with a godly attitude.

II. EXPRESS YOUR LOVE TO GOD

A. v. 2-3, “Praise the Lord with the lyre; make music to Him with a ten-stringed harp. Sing a new song to Him; play skillfully on the strings, with a joyful shout.”

B. My response to God is an act of worship.

C. Two ways:

1. Show your love

- a. v.2, “Praise the Lord with the lyre; make music to Him with a ten-stringed harp.

- b. v.3, “Play skillfully on the strings.”

- c. Use your gifts.

- d. We are God’s instruments.

- e. SERVE Him while you wait.

2. Voice your love

a. v.3, "Sing a new song . . . with a joyful shout."

b. "Sing a new song."

c. "New"

i. Recent

ii. Fresh and full of life. Renewal

iii. Rare and exquisite – new name, new commandment, new covenant, new Jerusalem, new man

iv. Unknown to man.

d. God is doing something new in my life, our marriage.

e. "With a joyful shout." KJV – "with a loud noise"

i. Time for a holy hush. Presence of God's glory.

ii. Time to shout – because of His glory, power, love.

iii. Men shout for teams. Men shout for Kings. We should shout for our King.

e. Express your love to God while you wait.

III. KEEP DOING THE RIGHT THING

A. v.4, "For the word of the Lord is right."

B. His word is right:

1. It DIRECTS ME because it is the Word of Truth.
2. It STRENGTHENS ME because it is the Word of Faith.
3. It INSPIRES ME because it is the Word of Hope.
4. It CALMS ME because it is the Word of Peace.

C. While I wait, I must keep doing the right thing. Obey His word.

IV. TRUST GOD

A. v.4, "All His work is trustworthy."

B. God's work flows from His word.

C. V.6,9, "The heavens were made by the word of the Lord, and all the stars, by the breath of His mouth. For He spoke, and it came into being; He commanded, and it came into existence."

D. The verse says 3 things about your family while you're waiting.

1. God is at work. Timing. He is creating out of the mess.
2. I can trust His work.
3. I can trust all His work.

E. I may not like His work, but I can still trust God.

F. Why? V.5, "He loves righteousness and justice." He is right and just.

G. I cannot trust my work or man's work.

H. V.13-17. Comparison between God's work and man's work.

I. While I wait, I will trust God. "All His work is trustworthy."

V. EMBRACE GOD'S LOVE

A. v.5, "The earth is full of the Lord's unfailing love."

B. While you wait, this verse says:

1. God is love.
 - a. Adam Clark – "To hear its worthless inhabitants complain, one would think that God dispensed evil, not good." Spurgeon p.126
 - b. Remember what is true. God is love
2. God's love never fails.
3. God's love is always near you.
 - a. "The earth is full."
 - b. Wherever you are, God loves you.

C. While you wait, embrace God's love.

CONCLUSION:

1. v.20-22 Put on screen
2. Congregation read it together.