

# **THE WEALTH OF THE LORD'S PRESENCE**

(The waiting Hour)

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**In Thy presence is fullness of joy.**  
**Ps. 16:11**

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## Foreword

St. M. Devadas to whom God revealed 'The Bible Mission', has written books of great spiritual wealth. 'The Wealth of the Lord's Presence' is the precious pearl of that invaluable heavenly treasure. This small booklet thrusts its focus **on being quiet** before the Lord so as to commune with Him and to receive the manifold benefits in physical and spiritual lives. St. Devadas has taken the practice of meditation of ancient Indian sages and conceptualized it in form of 'waiting hour' with wider applicability and extended flexibility so that any human being (not necessarily a Christian) on the surface of the earth might practise it to know and to reach the true God.

This book invites people from all walks of life and guides them in finding remedies for their numerous problems though 'the waiting hour'. **Silent waiting** before the Almighty God is portrayed here as the way to get rid of earthly pains and pleasures so as to reach the state of full enlightenment and Rapture perfection and ultimately be lifted up in the Second Coming of Lord Jesus Christ. It is the experience and belief of St. Devadas that 'the waiting hour' enables the Church to grow to the state of the Bride.

May the true Father bless the readers to have the glorious experiences through this 'practice of waiting' before the Lord, and prepare them for His Rapture as the spotless Bride.

In soon Coming Lord Jesus

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## THE WAITING HOUR

(The **waiting hour** means the time to **wait** in God's presence upon the **Knees**).

**W**hen we go to an officer and ask for some financial help, we do not leave the place before knowing whether he would give us, do we? In the same way, after we have prayed for our requirements in God's presence we have to be on our knees till He creates some thought in us, but it is not proper to say 'Amen' and leave the place'. What is truth? Pontius pilate had asked the Lord, (John 18:38), but went into his chamber even before the Lord gave His answer. If he had waited for the Lord's answer as a judge, the Gospel writers would have recorded it. We also would have learnt it. Don't we keep on calling till the other person responds from inside? Don't we keep waiting?. Immediately on getting response we stop calling. The ancient prophets would wait in God's presence for a long time and only by doing that they were able to write great books of prophecy. They were able to know God's thoughts. There might be mistakes in our own thinking. After waiting in the Lord's presence we shall have the contentment not only that we have prayed but also that God has responded. Church leaders did not introduce the habit of waiting in prayer. This is a great defect. This practice is found only among some believers here and there but is not in the whole church. Even now if this practice is introduced in all the churches then the faith and joy of all the churchers will multiply.

All problems get solved in the hour of waiting and all your difficult questions find the answer. It is mentioned in the Bible that we have to wait upon God on any issue. This will be clear to us if we read the verses in the Bible concerning 'waiting'. The time that we have to wait till the fulfilment of a desire in our minds, may not be just an hour but can be even half-an-hour!

Let us not speak in the manner that an unbeliever (King) spoke "This disaster is from the Lord. Why should I wait for the Lord any longer?" (Isaiah 63:33). How

can we answer the people who ask us "You have brought in this new custom. How is it possible for us to practise it when we are not able to put into practice even the already existing customs?". We can only say, "practise it and see", but how can we answer the argumentative questions? However much we explain, there will be people who find fault with us. Even then, don't pay attention to the above controversies, but go ahead into the 'waiting hour' as it is waiting for you. Our conclusion is that the 'waiting time' is the best means to get prepared, for those who believe that the Second Coming of the Lord is at hand. The 'waiting hour' is useful for people of any faith,atheists, believers and all those who were born as human beings.

These are some of the 'anathemas' and their remedies through waiting.

### **1.Listening to the Teaching is a displeasure**

:-You may not like to listen to the good teaching. This is an evil nature. Even if you know that it is a bad quality, do not cease to wait in prayer. Can you not spend at least one hour 'in waiting', out of the twenty four hours that God has given you in A day? As you keep on waiting you will find interest in the teaching. Then you will realize how your life will prosper in a blessed manner by 'waiting'.

**2.Unwillingness to Confess sins:-** Even if you happen to know that you are in the wrong, you do not like to confess it.This is another evil quality. Do not question yourself "How can I go to the place of waiting having in me so much of sin?". Go, kneel and wait; then you will be inclined to confess your sins.

**3.Disinclination to discard sins :-** There may be a sin in you which you cannot discard.You can give up any number of sins, but not this one. You may not like to give it up. It may be a sin that rules over you. It is a sin that entangles you. Still, get up early in the morning, purify yourself and rush to the Lord's presence like a sinless person, and "wait'.Then you feel disgusted with that sin and it will become your slave and then you will rule over it.

**4.Debility to overcome sin :-** There is sin in you and you want to discard it. You have tried many times to succeed. You have many people pray for you. Still you are not able to succeed. Do not lose heart . You will be rectified in the time of 'waiting'. Those who know you may say 'Why should you, who cannot win over sin, resort to 'waiting' ?. Do not be frightened. Get into the Lord's presence and wait. You will have the fruit of 'waiting'.

**5.Lack Of interest to read the Bible:-** You will not be inclined to read the Bible at times. This is an evil quality. Even if you believe it is a bad quality, do not forget the 'waiting hour'. Go and wait upon your knees for one hour in God's presence. Eventually, you will get interest in reading the Bible.

**6.Offering prayer is anathema:-**Some times you do not like to pray at all. Even if you force yourself to pray, you do not get the proper words. This is another weakness .Yet, do not cease to wait for an hour. You may say "Alas, I am not inclined to pray and how can I wait ?". It does not matter, go and wait. Then you will find interest in prayer.

**7.Unwillingness to preach the Gospel:-** You know the Gospel. Your heart is proper. But, for some reason you do not like to preach the Gospel. You will ask whether they will listen to you when you preach. This also is a vice in you. Having received the benefit of the Gospel, when you do not want others to receive the same benefit, is it not a bad quality? Still, you go into your room and perform the great act of 'waiting'. Then you will have the desire to preach the Gospel.

**8.The state of Unbelief :-** Sometimes you do not get any faith in divine matters. You may feel that no religion is true. You may get into your heart such questions of unbelief as", Who has seen that God exists , heaven exists and hell exists? Where are the people who had seen the earthly coming of Christ?" Even with such questions in mind, go to the place of 'waiting' without hesitation and 'wait'. As you 'wait', all your questions will vanish. You will have constant faith.

**9.Despair:-** If a preacher who knows all about you

(and your vices) meets you on the way, and says, "You wicked man! When God grant you salvation where will I go! you are neglecting your salvation. It is impossible for you to have change in your heart". Then your face will lose its charm, your heart will beat fast; in your dreams in the night, devils will appear; coffin will come into your sight and you will hear the cry "Hell, Hell, Hsell". You will rave madly and then you wake up. What will you do? Will you not be filled with despair? Consider the words of that preacher and the evil dreams as admonitions. Go and stay in the 'waiting room' till you get faith. Then you will get courage and happiness in your heart.

**10. Disgust:-** "I have been praying for many days about a matter and asking the Lord with faith. To my knowledge, there is no hindrance in me. Yet, God is not hearing my prayer. I do not know why. When I see the promises of God I feel drawn to them". Don't you feel distanced from God in this way? This is also a weak nature. Go to the place of waiting. You will have peace of mind. You will develop good attitude towards God.

**11. Envy:-** Sometimes you may be envious of others thinking that God has immediately responded to their prayers and has not paid any attention to your many prayers. You think that God is partial. All these are evil thoughts. Yet, do not hesitate to go into His presence, and wait. Then these bad thoughts will be remedied.

**12. Lack of possibility:-** When you intend to wait there are all hindrances for you. Mind is not steady. Place is not available. Even if the place is secured, the conversation of the others will come into your ears. Moreover, if the place is available time is not available. If time is available place is not available, If place and time are secured, You think 'I may get sleep', Do not think too much. Make efforts and accommodate yourself somewhere and wait on your knees. Does not your Father know that you have the liking for waiting? There is a value to your desire. Even if there is no possibility for waiting, acquire it forcibly. You are making enough room for your own activities. Aren't you? Can't you facilitate yourself for waiting? If you get gradually from you. Good will enter your life. God's spirit will help you. You will

not regret acting according to my advice. Do not feel that the time spent in God's presence is a waste. If you do not get peace of mind after waiting once 'wait' once again. Do not neglect it.

**13. Making light of the Grace:-** Sometimes you may think that as there is a waiting room, you can commit any number of sins, after which all the sins will be atoned by going through the act of waiting. Thinking like this is certainly making light of God's grace. This is a dangerous state. You should not think like that while I (Father Devadas) am showing you this excellent means. Go to the place of waiting and 'wait'. Good will not fail to happen.

**14. The blessings that we acquire at the time of waiting:-** At the time of waiting, one gets the flow of confessing sin, one gets the line of prayer, while another gets the flow of praising and another gets the gift of vision. In this way each one meets with one's own blessing at the waiting hour. We cannot describe all the blessings. Even though what we have written is little, much more should be comprehended. Not only the people who have the weaknesses mentioned in this book but also those who do not have these weaknesses, should utilize this time of 'waiting'. It is better if you complete singing songs, offering prayers, reading the Bible and such activities before you commence 'waiting'. They may be done even later also. One can do it according to one's own convenience. During the time of waiting you will experience the Lord's fellowship. Elijah went on waiting in prayer on the mount Carmel till his prayer was fulfilled. When there was no response for the first prayer, he prayed for the second time. In this way while praying for seven times, Elijah kept waiting for the fulfilment. Eventually, it happened. (I Kings 18th chapter).

**Three points :-** (1) Have internal quietness in the waiting room. It means that we should not allow bad thoughts or even remember good things. The one thought that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are before you, should be in your mind till the end. This alone is the great task you have to perform there. Attempt it.

(2) You may say, "I have been observing the *hour of waiting* for many days, but I have not received any special experience yet". Is not such waiting in the Lord's

presence the first blessing for you?

(3)If you talk to people who have the practice of the waiting hour, you can learn some more things from them.

### ***THE VERSES ON 'WAITING'.***

1. Yea, let none that wait for Thee be put to shame.(Ps. 25:3).

2.Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yea, wait for the Lord! (Ps.27:14).

3. Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; (Ps.37:7).

4. Being still in Zion, O Lord, is praise to thee. (Ps.65:1).

5. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God .(Ps.69:3).

6.But they soon forgot his works; they did not wait for His counsel. (Ps.106:13).

7. But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint (Is.40:31).

8. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides Thee, who works for those who wait for Him. (Is.64:4).

9. I will take my stand to watch, and station myself on the tower, and look forth to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. And the Lord answered me: Write the vision; make it plain upon tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its time; it hastens to the end -it will not lie. If it seem slow ,wait for it ;it will surely come, it will not delay. (Hab.2:1-3).

10. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father. (Acts: 1:4).

11. I wait for Thy salvation, O Lord. (Gen . 49:18).

12.Let not those who hope in Thee be put to shame through me, O Lord God of hosts; (Ps.69:6).

13. Wait for the Lord, and keep to His way, and He will exalt you to possess the land; you will look on the destruction of the wicked (Ps.37:34).

14. For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation. (Ps.62: 1).

15. I will praise Thee for ever, because Thou hast done it; and I will wait on Thy name; for it is good before Thy saints. (Ps. 52:9).

16. These wait all upon Thee, that Thou mayest give them their meat in due season. (Ps. 104:27).

17. Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till He have mercy upon us. (Ps. 123:2).

18. Do not say, "I will repay evil", wait for the Lord and He will help you. (Prov. 20:22).

19. Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you; therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are those who wait for Him. (Is. 30:18).

20. I will wait for the Lord who is hiding His face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in Him. (Is. 8:17).

21. Kings shall be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. With their faces to the ground they shall bow down to you, and lick the dust of your feet. Then you will know that I am the Lord; those who wait for Me shall not be put to shame." (Ps. 49:23).

22. Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Art not Thou He, O Lord our God? Therefore we will wait upon Thee; for Thou hast made all these things. (Jer. 14:22).

23. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. (Lam. 3:26).

24. "Therefore wait for me", says the Lord, "for the day when I arise as a witness. For my decision is to gather nations, to assemble Kingdoms, to pour out upon them my indignation, all the heat of my anger; for in the fire of my zealous wrath all the earth shall be consumed. (Zeph. 3:8).

25. And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word of the Lord. (Zec. 11:11).

26. And ,behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout , waiting for the consolation of Isreal: and the Holy Ghost was upon him". (Luke. 2:25).

27. And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, when He will return from the wedding; that when He cometh and knocketh, they may open unto Him immediately. (Luke. 12 :36 ).

28. But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. (Rom. 8:25).

## **THE WAIT -MEET**

(The meeting of waiting in the Lord's Presence)

### **The explanation of wait -meet:-**

Some people among Christians are holding their meetings of being still in the Lord's presence every day. In such meetings (1) one day the Lord Jesus comes and appears to them and tells the things to be conveyed to them and gives answers to their questions. (2) Another day He sends one of His angels to appear to them and to give his message and answer to their queries. (3) On another day He sends one of the saints from heaven who appears to them, conveys the requied message and answers their questions. (4) Yet another day He sends the sprit of one of the saints living on this earth. That sprit appears in human form, conveys the message and answers the questions. (5) Still another day He sends one of the dead form Hades who has not gone to heaven .That sprit will appear , convey the things and answer questions .(6) Finally ,He allows one devil to come. It will appear, tell them some matters and answer the questions asked. After the devil's departure, Lord Jesus will come and console believers asking them not to believe what the devil has spoken and not to be frightened.

Note:-The Lord Jesus will explain the meanings of the words from the Bible. This is 'the worship of God' but not worship of a female principle (Sakthi Puja). We base our practice of waiting on what the Lord Jesus stated in Matt.18:20, "Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them".

Even today also the Lord appears to the believers just as He appeared to the Biblical saints. Sometimes He appears to the unbelievers also and talks to them.

The Second coming of the Lord is close at hand. So, the time of His coming riding the Cloud and taking alive the faithful on the earth along with Him, is very close. Therefore, be prepared. That is why we are conducting these waiting-meetings and publishing these tracts.

We desire that any people in the world belonging to whatever religion, should hold these waiting-meetings. Those who do not like to use the name of the Lord Jesus may pray "O God the Creator, appear unto us and talk to us." Do not revile any religion, ask God and learn the things unknown to you.

**Swasthi saala:-** (Kakani HealingCentre)

1. Venue:-Healing prayers are conducted here, under the Mango grove at Kakani of late Mr. J. Raja Rao, situated 8K.m away from Guntur on Mangalagiri Road.

2. Timings:- Every Monday from 9 a.m to 5p.m.

3. The four ordained pastors of the Bible Mission come here every Monday and make the sick people learn the teachings of Lord Jesus, His prayers and His songs. With the power of the Lord, the sinners, the sick, the poor, the childless couples, the devil-tormented, those who are in debt, those who face legal suits, those who have lost their things, those who failed to get married, those who have domestic quarrels, those who are unemployed, those who suffer from the poisonous creatures and their ailing livestock receive the desired benefits through special prayers at this place. Some people receive the healing immediately and some on reaching home. Those who wish to fulfil their desires should give up their sinful acts and other modes of worship and worship only the Lord Jesus Christ. Preaching is the pastor's duty, believing is the responsibility of people and healing is the Lord's doing. However great God He is, Lord Jesus was born as a human being, taught

the way to heaven, healed the sick with His power without using medicines, provided food for the hungry, delivered those who were troubled, revived some of the dead as a specimen and performed many such benevolent deeds. Yet, those who did not believe Him to be God, killed Him cruelly nailing to the cross. Yet, He did not destroy them because He had come to save the World .He resurrected on the third day and for forty days He taught some more principles and ascended to heaven .Before He left for heaven He told His disciples thus, "I shall come back and take you with me Till then preach to all the people in the World about me and that he who believes and is baptized will be saved".

Dear beloved, the Lord will come on the throne of cloud ,draw to Him the saints on the earth and take then to heaven. That time has come very close. Therefore, be prepared. If you believe and pray to the Lord Jesus Christ who has done many benevolent deeds. He will fulfil all your desires. Read the Bible which contains all these things May you have all blessings. Amen.

## **THE WAY TO SPIRITUAL WISDOM**

Dearly beloved, my compatriots, blessings to you in the name of God the Creator.

### **The order of prayer**

(1) Kneel down, close your eyes and meditate upon the Lord Jesus Christ without entertaining any good or bad thought. (2) Confess your sins committed in thought, word and deed. (3) Take a vow that you will try not to commit the sins known to you. (4) Tell God that you commit to Him your body, your life, your spirit, your food and clothing, your wealth, your property and your dwelling. (5) Praise Him remembering the hardships that Christ has delivered you from. (6) Praise Him remembering the good things that Christ did for you. (7) Mention all your wants and pray for all the things that you should ask for. (8) Now, you 'wait for His re-

sponse.

### **The order of waiting**

Now, once again pray thus:- “O God, appear unto me talk unto me, appear unto all people and talk unto all people. Make known to all people about Thyself. Give answer to my questions”. Then, wait and see what happens (1) The Lord Jesus will appear to you in glorious body. He will speak to you and answer your questions. Write them down. (2) Another time He will send angels. They will speak to you and answer your questions. Note them down. (3) Another time He will send the heavenly saints. They will talk to you and answer your questions. Write down the answers. (4) Yet another time He will send the spirits of earthly saints. They will speak to you and give answers to your questions. Write them down. (5) Later, He may send the spirits of unbelievers. They will speak to you and give answers to your questions. You record them. (6) After-wards, He may send unrepentant spirits of the dead from Hades. They will speak to you. You write them down. (7) Later, He may send a ghost which will talk to you and answer your questions. Record those words. (8) Finally, the Lord will come, tell you not to believe the words of the ghost and not to be frightened. So saying He will give you solace.

Note:- The Lord Jesus may display to you anything. He will serve the Holy communion whenever you desire. As these are the teachings of the Bible Mission, ask God and find their veracity. People of any religion may follow these practices. One may use the name ‘God’, instead of Christ.

### **TWO FUTURE NARRATIONS**

Soon after the Rapture i.e. the departure of the Church, the seven year tribulation will start for those who were left behind. The world has never witnessed them. To avoid them it is safe to join the fellowship of the faithful. You should not delay saying that these two things have been mentioned by many people for a long

time and they have not happened yet.

(2). (i) If the government announces that in Delhi there will be a great feast with free lodging and free travelling who will fail to get ready?.

(ii) Even if we are telling people many times that "The Lord Jesus will come riding in the cloud and take away the Church of His saints on the earth alive and will give a great feast for seven years". some just ask idle questions and remain complacent. The Coming of the Lord and the ascension of the Church will happen in a trice. As it will not be possible to get ready at that time, prepare now it self. Amen .

### **A BRIEF NOTE OF THE TRANSLATOR**

In this translated text, we have employed certain old English pronominals referring to God, not observed in the present day English circles, such as Thee, Thou, Thy, etc. As it was the tradition of the old English to employ reverence-rich expressions, it has become conventional among certain Christian circles to preserve the old norms, pertaining to their high spiritual reflections as elaborated in this text. To facilitate the present English reader with the corresponding expressions, the following pairs of words are listed.

#### ***Old English***

#### ***Modern English***

Thou

You

Thy

Your

Thine

Yours

Thee

You

Thouart

You are

Thou wert

You were

Thou dost

You (do)