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Isaiah 25:1-9

Waiting seems to be part of the human condition. Waiting in line; waiting for news; waiting for the weekend, vacation, next day off, or retirement; waiting to be married; waiting for the arrival of that child or grandchild; waiting in the hospital or for healing to come; waiting to see that loved one again someday, or waiting for heaven ourselves.

God's people in the Old Testament knew about waiting. The words of the song in Isaiah 25:9 reflect what they, and we all, will say at the end of time: "We trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

The Hebrew root meaning of "trust" is the concept of waiting. This waiting upon God suggests two things: waiting and expectancy. Waiting is always about dependency. I wait because there is nothing I can do in and of myself. Waiting upon God means that Jesus is my only hope and answer. Second, instead of merely enduring, our waiting upon God can be full of expectancy of His coming victory. What are we waiting for?

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