

Intro:

Main Point of Text: God calls Moses and the people to wait upon Him so that they are impressed and changed by Him.

Sermon Point: *Wait upon the Lord.*

Move 1: God makes you wait upon Him to make a meaningful impression on you.

Vs. 12: waiting will receive His Word in stone. And witness His glorious manifestation: Vss. 15-18.

Move 2: God will make His impression on you through faithful ministers who wait upon Him.

Emphasis on Moses getting away to “come up” to Mt. w/ God: vss. 12, 13, 15, 18. Vs. 14: purpose of ruling elders, that teaching elders can give self to holy meditation (prayer/study). So can have something to give people: Vss. 12, 16. 1 Tim. 3:2; 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Tim. 5:17; Ps. 73:28: *But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.*

Move 3: God will make His impression on you as you wait upon His way of ministry.

40 days at Mt. not just Moses. People waited at Mt’s foot. Where had been to receive the Law and the LORD. Now Tabernacle. Already seen His fiery glory. New, longer way as wait on Him and Moses: vs. 17. Through this waiting on/upon the LORD, they saw the many impressive manifestations of His glory, power, light. Vs. 16: waited six days to prepare for the seventh. Vs. 18: waited forty days and forty nights to receive written Word in presence of His glory. More waiting, more Word/glory. Ps. 34:10-11; Psa 145:18; Ps. 27:14; James 4:8: *Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you ...* ; Ps. 37:9, 34; Ps. 123:2: *Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.*

Conclusion:

Wait upon the Lord.