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# WAIT

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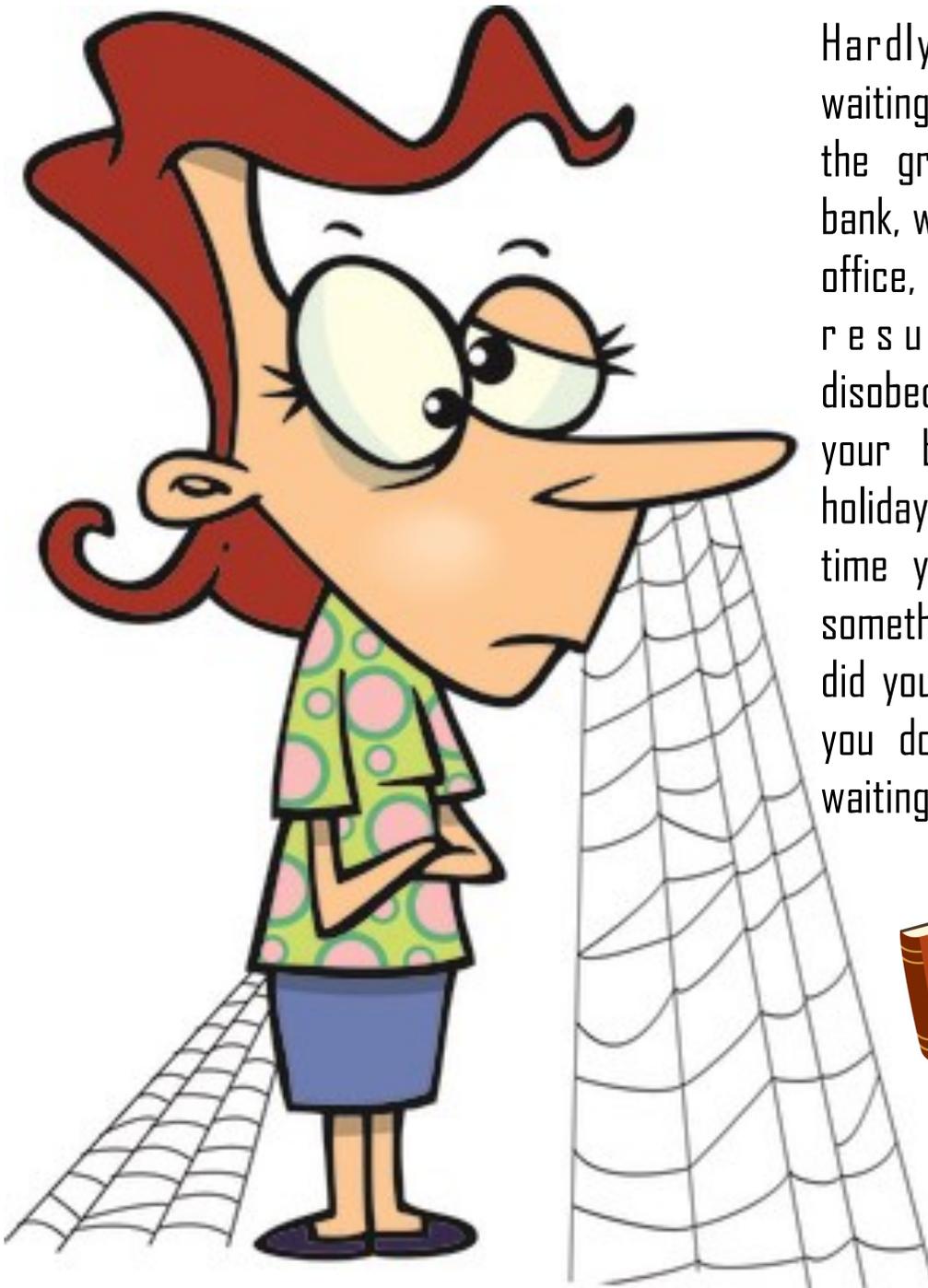
Hardly anyone enjoys waiting - waiting in line at the grocery store or the bank, waiting at the doctor's office, waiting to learn the results of your disobedience, waiting for your birthday or favorite holiday. When was the last time you had to WAIT for something important? How did you like that? What did you do in while you were waiting?



**GOD'S WORD**

**SAYS:** "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him."

Psalm 62:5.





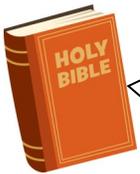
Did you know there is a kind of waiting that God considers VERY important? The book of Esther tells an absolutely fascinating true story of a girl named Esther, especially her role as queen in the story, but right now we focus our thoughts on her older cousin, Mordecai.

**GOD'S WORD SAYS:** " In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's managers...were mad, and sought to harm on King Ahasuerus.

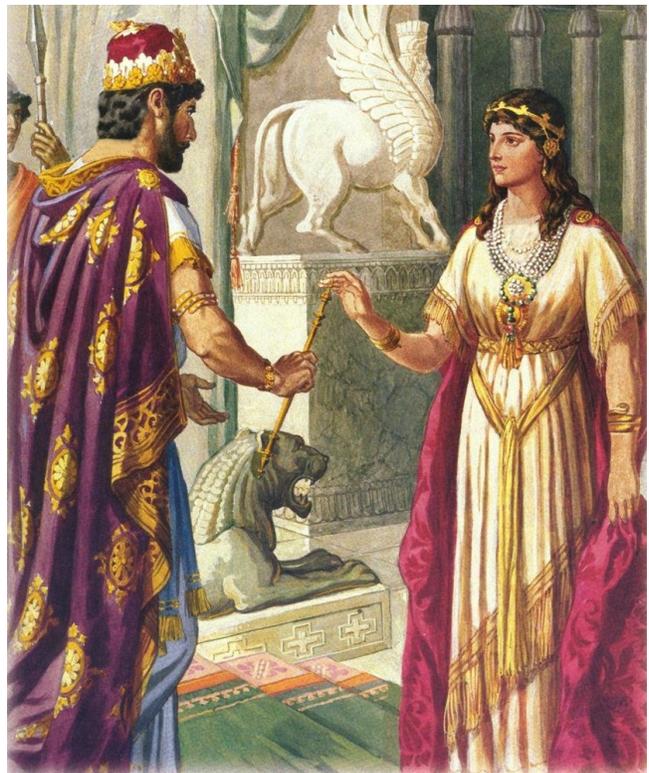
And the things was known to Mordecai, who told it unto Esther the queen; and Esther told the king in Mordecai's name.

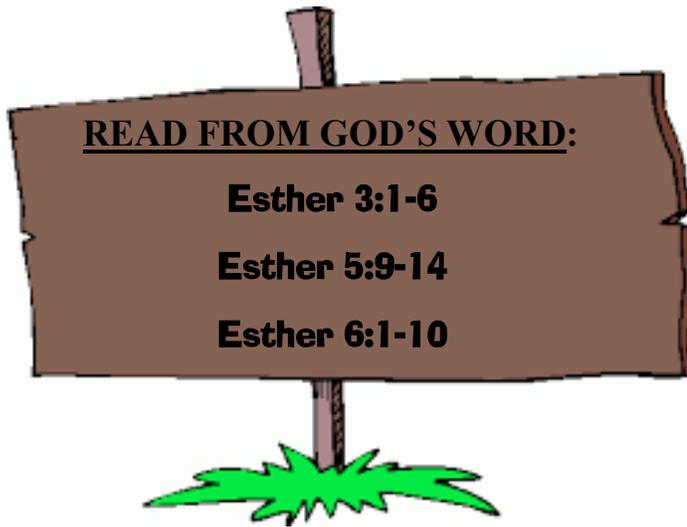
And when the king looked into the matter, it was found out; therefore the mangers were both hanged on a tree... ."

Esther 2:21-23



You just read the Bible telling you that Mordecai had performed a remarkable service to the king by reporting a plan to kill King Ahasuerus. The men were put to death, but Mordecai had never been rewarded for it. Did he spend his time feeling sorry for himself about that? Did he ask his friends to write to the king, asking that he honor Mordecai for that loyalty? Is there any record of him complaining about the king's "ungratefulness"? No, none of that in this story. He was just an honorable servant of God and the king, content to let God work out the details. And work them out, HE did!





If you read the verses in the sign, you will learn that Haman was second in command to the king. All the people, except Mordecai, bowed down to Haman. Haman saw this and was very mad. He came up with a plan to have him killed by telling his men to build gallows to hang Mordecai. The next day Haman would go to the king and ask to have Mordecai hung on the gallows.

But, that very night, the king could not sleep. He hoped he could get bored to sleep if someone read the books of history to him. When the men opened the records, they read from the very section which recorded Mordecai's good deed! Only God could have made that happen! The king realized that he had never rewarded Mordecai.

The next day, Haman came to ask Mordecai to be hung, but before he could ask, the king asked Haman what he could do to show honor to someone. Haman thought the king wanted to honor him, so Haman told the king that he should set him upon the king's horse, dress him in the king's robe, and let him ride through town. How do you think Haman felt when he realized the king meant to honor Mordecai in this way instead of himself? Mordecai was honored in the LORD's time; he just had to wait on the Lord.

Color the story of Queen Esther talking to the king about her people.

