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Micah 7:7, "Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me."

We all get a little impatient at times; nine cars ahead of us at McDonald's, three loaded buggies at the grocery store (5 at Walmart), or even waiting for Sunday to get here so we can hear more of our Lord and visit with some of His saints. Not many of us want to wait. A dear sister told me once that she told her doctor that she would wait for 30 minutes and no more when at the doctor's office, one of the most common places we are made to wait.

This scripture, found in Micah 7:7, relates to our waiting upon the Lord to act at His chosen time, not ours. Micah, as a servant and prophet of God during the times of Isaiah, was highly concerned with the sinful condition around him. He was seeing God's people turn away from serving the Lord, their impatience in their living conditions and also in godly matters, resulting in their unwillingness to wait upon the Lord for their guidance and direction. Even the enemies of the Lord's faithful people were rejoicing due to the state of Israel (Micah 7:8). Micah warned the leaders of the house of Jacob, who were attempting to build Zion with bloodshed and Jerusalem with wickedness, that the land would be plowed like a field and that Jerusalem would become a heap of rubble (Micah 5:14).

People did not want to hear what Micah spoke of, nor were they willing to wait upon the Lord to save (spare) them from their poverty and from the rich and powerful oppressors. Micah would tell them of the coming Messiah, even to the point of where He would be born (Micah 5:2). This fact alone should have given them hope and a cause to rejoice, rather than impatience ruling their lives and leaving them seemingly hopeless.

I fear we have become as those in the days of Micah and are responding much the same as they did. Let us not repeat history. May we as a portion of God's people today, pray for guidance and then be willing to listen to the Word of God and declare as Micah did, "Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me." *Think About It!*