**Waiting for God Knows What**

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**THE OBVIOUS QUESTIONS**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will the waiting end?

2. When will I get \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I’m waiting for?

The Danger: When what you are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_becomes what you are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 1:21-23** She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.’

 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 ‘The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel’ (which means ‘God with us’).

**Isaiah 7:1-14** When Ahaz son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, was king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel marched up to fight against Jerusalem, but they could not overpower it.

 2 Now the house of David was told, ‘Aram has allied itself with Ephraim’; so the hearts of Ahaz and his people were shaken, as the trees of the forest are shaken by the wind.

 3 Then the Lord said to Isaiah, ‘Go out, you and your son Shear-Jashub, to meet Ahaz at the end of the aqueduct of the Upper Pool, on the road to the Launderer’s Field. 4 Say to him, “Be careful, keep calm and don’t be afraid. Do not lose heart because of these two smouldering stubs of firewood – because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and of the son of Remaliah. 5 Aram, Ephraim and Remaliah’s son have plotted your ruin, saying, 6 ‘Let us invade Judah; let us tear it apart and divide it among ourselves, and make the son of Tabeel king over it.’ 7 Yet this is what the Sovereign Lord says:‘

 “It will not take place,it will not happen,

 8 for the head of Aram is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is only Rezin.Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be too shattered to be a people.

 9 The head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is only Remaliah’s son. If you do not stand firm in your faith,you will not stand at all.”’

 10 Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, 11 ‘Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.’

 12 But Ahaz said, ‘I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test.’

 13 Then Isaiah said, ‘Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

**Isaiah 9:6** For to us a child is born,

 to us a son is given,

 and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called

 Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,

 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace .

While you’re waiting: Shift your focus from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Immanuel— God is with us.

“The advent of Jesus Christ is what sets Christianity apart from all other religions. We affirm that Christ is indeed Immanuel, God with us. Rather than stumbling in the darkness between forms of religion that are each a variation of fear and control, through Christ the lights are turned on and our attention is drawn to an entirely different vision—life with God.”

 **--Skye Jethani**