

Psalm 106:13

They soon forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel.

Today's verse from Psalm 106, is referring to the Children of Israel, and when they were in the wilderness.

If you remember the story, God had performed awesome thing for them in Egypt to set them free from the bondage of slavery that they were in. and today's verses says that *"They soon forgot His works"* And we know that is true when we read that: *Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."* Exodus 32:1

As you read the story in Exodus chapter 32, we discover that they ended up worshipping a golden calf, which Aaron had made for them to worship.

† **Exodus 32:4-6** *And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!" So when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD." Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.*

But note what I said earlier of *"God had performed awesome thing for them in Egypt to set them free from the bondage of slavery"* yet they didn't want to wait on God or Moses to return, just as today's verse says that: *They did not wait for His counsel.* And if you read in the next verses it says that the results were that they, *"Lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tested God in the desert."* Psalm 106:14

Simply, they went back to their old ways of doing things and what they were taught while in Egypt, which was to worship a false god, instead of the God Who had saved them from slavery. The results was that they ended up back into slavery of their old sins and had rejected the freedom that God had given them.

But things happen in our lives as well, and we cry out to God and wait for how long? 40 days (Moses was gone for 40 days), a month, a week, a day, an hour, a few minutes, and there is no answer from God. So many are quick to go back to their old ways (false gods) to resolve what's going on in their lives themselves.

☺ Some have gone back to the false god which is called: **The Bank**; looking for a loan.

- ☹ Some have gone back to the false god called: **The god of Divorce**; seeing that as the way to solve their marriage problems.
- ☹ Some have gone back to the false god called: **The god of alcohol or drugs**; because even though it never solved their problems, it made the sting of it go away, as long as they continued to heed their bodies to alcohol or drugs (Which always makes the issue worse).
- ☹ Some have gone back to the old false god called: **The god of bad relationships**; because even though the relationship is bad and brings them sorrow, they are not alone... so they think.
- ☹ Some have simply gone back to the false god called: **The god of my old lifestyle**

So the question is, what false god are you running back to because there is something going on, and you prayed to God and He has not answered you or fixed it yet?

People cry out to God, “God, what are you doing?” or “God I don’t know what you are doing?” But every time I hear that, I always pull three words out of those statements, and those three words are, “God is doing!”

We don’t always know what God is doing, but our hope and comfort should always be that “GOD IS DOING!!!” Yet when problems come up, how many run back to the old ways, because they hate that four letter word “WAIT” and try to avoid it by helping God out or doing things their own way. But when you do that it usually ends up being more work for God, because now He not only has to help you with the original issue you had, but now He has to fix the mess you created by trying to fix it yourself.

Believe me, I know it’s hard to wait on the Lord, but if you read through the bible, God says over and over and over, “**Wait on the LORD**” (Note LORD is all caps in the bible) Oh how life would be so much easier when we truly learn to do that.

- ✠ **Psalm 27:14** *Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!*
- ✠ **Psalm 37:34** *Wait on the LORD, And keep His way, And He shall exalt you to inherit the land; When the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.*
- ✠ **Isaiah 40:31** *But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.*
- ✠ **Psalm 130:5** *I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope.*