Lamentations 3:25 (ESV) "The Lord is good to those who <u>wait</u> for him, to the soul who seeks him."

Lamentations 3:25 (MSG) "God proves to be good to the man who <u>passionately</u> <u>waits...</u>"

Psalms 147:11 (NASU) "The LORD favors those who fear Him, Those who <u>wait f</u>or His loving kindness."

Psalms 147:11 (NIV) "The LORD delights in those who fear him, who <u>put their hope</u> in his unfailing love."

****Two different Hebrew words are used for the word Wait in Lamentation and Psalms. The same two words are also translated as HOPE in other verses. There is probably a mixture of both meanings in these words. Waiting in the sense staying in one place or doing nothing and Hoping by eagerly expecting something. John Piper put it this way in his book <u>Future Grace</u>. God's help "...comes in God's time. We must wait for it. And when the Bible speaks of waiting for the Lord it does not mean with impatience and distrust. It means that we trust him enough that even when he delays we do not turn away to other help." (pg. 246)

PRAYER: Lord, you know that I do not like to wait, but I do Trust You and Your timing. So please help me to continue to grow and learn the joy of waiting for Your perfect timing in ALL things personal, family and with Your Church.

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