

# Psalm 25:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

## Analysis

The assurance 'let none that wait on thee be ashamed' expresses covenant confidence that God never ultimately disappoints those who trust Him. In contrast, 'let them be ashamed which transgress without cause' asks for judgment on the wicked. Waiting on God requires patient faith amid trials. Reformed theology emphasizes perseverance: true believers endure because God preserves them (Phil. 1:6). Temporary shame may occur, but ultimate vindication awaits all who genuinely wait on God.

## Historical Context

In honor-shame cultures, public vindication mattered supremely. David, anointed yet hunted, waited decades for God's promises to materialize. This prayer sustained him and all who endure the gap between promise and fulfillment.

## Related Passages

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

1. What does 'waiting on God' look like when answers don't come quickly?

2. How do you maintain faith that those who wait on God will not ultimately be ashamed?

## Interlinear Text

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<b>Yea let none that wait</b>		<b>let them be ashamed</b>	
		H954	<b>let them be ashamed</b> H954
<span style="font-family: serif;">רִיקָם:</span> <b>which transgress</b>		<span style="font-family: serif;">רִבּוֹגָד יִם</span> <b>without cause</b>	
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Lamentations 3:25** (Parallel theme): The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

**Isaiah 40:31** (Parallel theme): But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

**Isaiah 49:23** (Parallel theme): And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

**Micah 7:7** (Parallel theme): Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

**Psalms 62:5** (Parallel theme): My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.

**Psalms 27:14** (Parallel theme): Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

**Romans 8:25** (Parallel theme): But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

**Psalms 37:34** (Parallel theme): Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

**Psalms 123:2** (Parallel theme): Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

**Psalms 33:20** (Parallel theme): Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield.

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