

# Is God Really Late?

by George Warnock

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*The sermon emphasizes that while God may seem late in fulfilling His promises, His timing is perfect and serves a greater purpose for our growth and faith.*

**Scripture:** Genesis 12:2, Psalm 27:14, Psalm 105:19, Galatians 4:4, Philippians 1:6

**Topics:** "Gods Timing", "Faith And Trust"

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## Description

George Warnock preaches about God's timing, emphasizing that although God may seem late by human standards, He is always right on time according to His plan and purpose. The waiting period is a crucial part of our training where we learn to rely on God's strength and wisdom, letting go of our own efforts. Through examples like Abraham, Joseph, and David, we see how God's promises are fulfilled in His perfect timing, shaping and preparing us for His purposes.

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## Transcript

Yes, God is always late by man's standards; but He is right on time according to His own plan and purpose. And this is what makes it all the more frustrating to those who embrace His Word and promise. If only He would delay the promise until the time drew near for Him to fulfill it! Then perhaps we could bear up under it, for we would not have the Word of the promise to torment our impatient spirit.

But we have learned that this is all part of the training course. It is in this "waiting period" that we find time to do our best--to try, and fail, and try again. Or perhaps to try again and succeed, or at least assure ourselves that we have succeeded, only to come to still greater devastation when God comes on the scene and rejects our vain efforts to build His Kingdom. May we learn this important lesson once for all: that in our natural strength and wisdom we can do nothing, and that what things we consider to be successful must be laid aside as mere refuse, for the knowledge of Christ.

God gave Abraham the promise early, but fulfilled it late. As Abraham waited (and no doubt experienced much trial and frustration) he learned the ways of the Lord and became the father of the faithful for all generations to come.

God gave Joseph the promise early, and fulfilled it late. The "word" that Joseph embraced as a promise became the "word" that tried him severely (Ps. 105:19). We need to remember this: the vision the Lord gives us becomes our trial. But that same "word" brought Joseph out of the dungeon to be a ruler and deliverer, and a sustainer of life to surrounding nations.

God gave David the promise early, and fulfilled it late. But the trials that he went through wrought in him a heart "after the heart of God." And the shepherd boy from Bethlehem became a shepherd-king over all Israel.

God gave the whole human race the promise early, and fulfilled it late. God promised that the "seed of the woman" would "bruise the serpent's head." Men almost despaired of the promise, but "in the fulness of time" He came forth: "Late in time behold Him come...Offspring of a virgin's womb."

No! God is not really late! Let us not submit to the pressure that is on God's people these days "to get the job done." God is faithful to "watch over His Word to perform it." He is not trying His best to get a job done, He is bringing forth a New Creation. We are His "workmanship," the "masterpiece" that He is working on. "Wait, I say, on the LORD" (Ps. 27:14). For "he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6).

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