

GOD TIME: NEVER RUSH A GOOD THING

Luke 2:22-35

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God's timing is always worth the wait

Five encouragements towards waiting well:

#1 KEEP DOING WHAT YOU CAN: GODLY PATIENCE DOESN'T MEAN DELAYED OBEDIENCE (22-24)

Don't use 'waiting' as an excuse | Abandon your 'claim' as an exception; you can always follow God's word

Two ways to honor God's provisions:

#1 TAKE SCRIPTURE SERIOUSLY: GOD GIVES CLEAR EXPECTATIONS (22-23)

#2 JUST DO YOUR BEST: GOD MAKES FAIR ACCOMODATION (24)

#2 PLAN FOR A NEED TO TRUST: GODLY PATIENCE EXPECTS TO WAIT IN WORSHIP, NOT ABANDONMENT (25a)

Don't assume it's best avoided | Refuse to panic over waiting as if God is angry; you can use time for growth & praise

Two expressions of God to trust:

#1 TRUST GOD SEES: FAITH *DOESN'T GO UNSEEN* (25a¹)

#2 TRUST GOD CARES: FAITH *DOESN'T EXEMPT US FROM PAIN* (25a²)

#3 KEEP CARING FOR REAL: GODLY PATIENCE CAN STILL EXPRESS DEEP LONGING (25b-26)

Don't hollow it out with denial | Don't suppress pain by pretending to not care; you can groan upward without griping

Three overpowering realities that coexist in harmony:

#1 LONG WHEN HELPLESS: HARD TIMES *HURT* (25b¹)

#2 WELCOME THE HELPER: WE'RE NOT *ALONE* (25b²)

#3 LOVE HIS HELP: WE'RE NOT *WITHOUT HOPE* (26)

#4 STAY BIG PICTURE: GODLY PATIENCE IS ALWAYS, ONLY, & ULTIMATELY SATISFIED BY JESUS (27-33)

Don't disregard it as futile | Commit to God's pace & trust you're going somewhere; you can enjoy your part in His plan

Two blessings that hold great meaning to those who learn to wait:

#1 KEEP STEADY: *GOD IS ALWAYS AT WORK* (27-28)

#2 GET READY: *HIS WORK INSPIRES AWE* (29-33)

#5 CHERISH THE GRACE OF EVERY SEASON: GODLY PATIENCE SAVORS PRESENT MERCIES (34-35)

Don't rush through it in haste | Rehearse today's blessings; you can entrust future pains to future grace

Two tough realities to entrust to future grace:

#1 DON'T RUSH PEOPLE'S CONSEQUENCES: A FINAL PERMANENCY APPROACHES (34)

#2 DON'T RUSH YOUR CHALLENGES: A BRUTAL PAIN COULD LAY AHEAD (35)