

Father's Promise

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." 2Peter 3:9

When things come to a standstill in our lives many times we are quick to blame God or to ask Him to "hurry up" with the answer. However, this scripture reveals to us that God is not in a hurry. When an answer does not come as you have hoped, perhaps it's not lack of faith, perhaps it's not that you've missed it at all. Maybe it is simply time to take the next step in your life—the step of repentance.

Repentance always precedes the promise from being released. Our Lord is longsuffering toward us! He's waiting for us to turn to Him even more and embrace all of His heart and all of His Word. Since the price has already been paid for our sin, the promise comes to us instantaneously when we turn to Him! This repentance brings change. But, why would you want to change if you are content? "I'm okay, just leave me alone!" Isn't that what we often hear or express to others?

When we see the goodness of God it brings *discontent* into our natural lives, not peace. His goodness makes us aware that more is available than we have currently experienced! Isn't that reason to change? Every promise of God is available to us. It is part of our inheritance in Christ! So, this discontent rekindles a fresh hope within us. Don't you want to receive all that God has? It will require a new way of thinking! Should we begin to think in a new way and in a new direction, His Promise will always come: This is repentance!

God is longsuffering. He wants us to receive all that He has. But He is not in a hurry. How can you receive something that you have not yet seen? He wants you to see what He has for you. And how can you see something until it has been revealed to you? God is no respecter of persons; His promise is to all and upon all that believe! Repentance should be considered a way of life. It is the key to revelation coming to your heart! It positions you to **see** His Promise. So, on this Father's Day, receive the Father's Promise:

"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3

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