

Promises!

Have you ever blamed God when the answer didn't come when you wanted it to come? Have you ever prayed "Hurry up!"?? Just remember, God is not in a hurry. When an answer does not come as you have hoped, perhaps it's not a lack of faith, perhaps it's not that you've missed it at all. Maybe it is simply time for you to take another step forward!

"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." 2 Peter 3:9

Every step forward begins with repentance. Repentance always precedes every promise from being released! Our Lord is longsuffering; He's waiting for us to turn to Him and embrace all of His heart and all of His Word. Christ has already paid the price for every sin and every circumstance. He completed it – for us! The only thing stopping the promise is our turning towards Him! When things are in a standstill, maybe its time to turn again. This kind of repentance brings change! But change becomes extremely difficult when we become comfortable. "I'm okay, just leave me alone!" Isn't that what we too often hear or express to others?

But when we discover the goodness of God, when we encounter the grace of God, when we find out that Jesus really has a better way available to us, it brings *discontent* into our natural lives, not peace. His resurrection makes us aware that every limitation has been removed! Isn't that reason to change? Every promise of God is available to us. It is part of our inheritance in Christ! When He came out of the grave, that was YOU coming out of your grave! 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! The Word will cause you to think in a new way and in a new direction. And this is repentance! You can think God thoughts rather than self thoughts!

So when the answer isn't there when you want it, maybe it's time to change the way you think in that area. With God, all things have become possible! He is no respecter of persons; His promise is to all and upon all that believe! So make repentance a way of life. It is the key to revelation coming to your heart! It positions you to **see** His Promise. And once you can see it, you can have it!

"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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