

Message: **God** is Always on Time

John 12:23-26 “²³ And **Jesus** answered them, saying, **the hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.** ²⁴ **Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.** ²⁵ **He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.** ²⁶ **If any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be: if any man serve Me, him will My Father honour.”**

— **Christ** will return, we are to be ready, **and** expect **His** return at any moment.

Matthew 24:36 “**But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only.**”

Matthew 24:42-44 “⁴² **Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.** ⁴³ **But know this that if the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.** ⁴⁴ **Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.**”

2 Peter 3:8 “**But**, beloved, be **not** ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the **Lord** as a thousand years, **and** a thousand years as one day.”

— **How do we know that Christ will return at the right on time?**

2 Peter 3:10 “**But** the day of the **Lord** will come as a **thief** in the night; in the which the heavens **shall** pass away with a great noise, **and** the elements **shall melt** with **fervent heat**, the earth also **and** the works that are therein **shall** be **burned** up.”

— However, the **word** of **God** also assures us that we are protected.

Psalms 37:25 “I have been young, **and** *now* am old; yet have I **not** seen the righteous forsaken, nor **His** seed begging bread.” [MA6:33]

— When the **HB** says it we can believe it; we can always stand on the promises of **God**; Praise the **Lord**!

Deuteronomy 7:9 “Know therefore that the **LORD** thy **God, He is God**, the faithful **God**, which keepeth covenant **and** mercy with them that love **Him and** keep **His** commandments to a thousand generations...” [“**If ye love Me, keep My commandments.** – JN14:15]

— The promises of **God** have been kept since the beginning. Amen.

— The promise of the virgin birth of **Christ** was kept.

Isaiah 7:14 “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

— The promise that **Christ** would be called the **Prince** of **Peace** was kept.

Isaiah 9:6-7 “⁶ For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: **and** the government **shall** be upon **His** shoulder: **and His** name **shall** be called **Wonderful, Counsellor**, The **Mighty God**, The **Everlasting Father**, The **Prince** of **Peace**. ⁷ Of the increase of **His** government **and** peace *there shall be no* end, upon the throne of David, **and** upon **His** kingdom, to order it, **and** to establish it with judgment **and** with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the **LORD** of hosts will perform this.”

— The promise that **Christ** would **suffer and die** for **sinner**s was kept.

Isaiah 53:5-6 “⁵ **But He** was **wounded** for our **transgressions**, **He** was **bruised** for our **iniquities**: the **chastisement** of our peace was upon **Him**; **and** with **His stripes** we are healed. ⁶ **All** we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; **and** the **LORD** hath laid on **Him** the **iniquity** of us **all**.”

— The promise of **Christ’s** resurrection was kept.

Luke 24:6-7 “⁶ **He** is **not** here, **but** is risen: remember how **He** spake unto you when **He** was yet in Galilee, ⁷ Saying, The **Son** of man must be delivered into the hands of **sinful** men, **and** be **crucified**, **and** the third day rise again.”

— We can, therefore, **trust Jesus Christ’s** promise to return.

John 14:1-3 “¹ **Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me.** ² **In My Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.** ³ **And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again/ receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.**”

— **God** is longsuffering in **His** plan for mankind, **and He** pleads with **sinners** to come to repentance.

— **God** waits patiently for **sinners** to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9 “The **Lord** is **not** slack concerning **His** promise, as some men count slackness; **but** is longsuffering to us-ward, **not** willing that any should perish, **but** that **all** should come to repentance.”

— **God** is **not** willing that any should **perish**.

John 3:16-17 “¹⁶ **For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not**

perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ **For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.**”

— This may explain the long wait until **Christ’s** return, **and** the days of waiting should be days of evangelism.

— **What are we doing to reach one more soul before Christ returns?**

Romans 8:32 “**He** that spared **not His** own **Son**, **but** delivered **Him** up for us **all**, how **shall He not** with **Him** also freely give us **all** things?”

Ephesians 3:20-21 “²⁰ Now unto **Him** that is able to do exceeding abundantly above **all** that we ask **or** think, according to the power that worketh in us, ²¹ Unto **Him** *be* glory in the church **by Christ Jesus** throughout **all** ages, world without end. Amen.”

— **God** has granted us this moment to trust, obey, **and** serve **Him**, **and Christ Jesus** will arrive right on time, **but** we need to be ready!

Alter Call

To **God** Be **All** the Glory Today, Tomorrow, **and** Forever.