

“When the Time is Right”

John 7:1-13, I Tim. 2:6

I. He _____ the right time according to His perfect wisdom. (No) Vv. 1-5

- A. He says no to our _____ because He has a bigger plan.
 - 1. Good opportunities & intentions doesn't necessarily its God's Will. Acts 16:6-10
 - 2. He is the Alpha and Omega the beginning and end.
- B. He sometimes says no because it would be _____ to us. James 4:3
 - 1. Because we struggle with the flesh we will at times seek things to feed fleshly desires, and it would be harmful for us to receive them.
 - 2. God doesn't enable harmful behavior but rather disciplines in love. Heb. 12
- C. Do we trust the Lord's plan or burst through the _____ anyway.
 - 1. Sometimes we just fail to trust God's Word and opt for my will.
 - We need to be careful what advice we are heeding.

II. He _____ for a purpose. (Wait) Vv. 6-10

- A. He delays judgment on this world although they _____ swift judgment.
 - 1. Jesus' brothers were possibly mocking him in unbelief. (Prophesied in Ps. 69:8)
 - They used challenging statements like Satan did in Jesus' temptation and the mockers as he hung on the cross in Matthew 27.
 - 2. He is patient with the very world that mocks and hates Him for exposing sin and truth. 2 Peter 3:9-10- Sometimes a delay is because of His mercy.
- B. Sometimes swift action can be more _____.
 - 1. Sometimes has work yet to do in us and through us before He says yes. Joshua 7-8
 - Unanswered yet? Nay, do not say ungranted; Perhaps your part is not yet wholly done;

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work began when first your prayer was uttered, And God will finish what He has begun.
Though years have passed since then, do not despair, His glory you shall see,
sometime, somewhere. – Ophelia Adams

- C. Patient prayer often causes our faith to deepen. Gal. 4:4, I Tim. 6:14-15
 - 1. The Wisdom of our God's Plan is clearly evident in His Word, and our own lives.
 - 2. It takes faith to wait upon the Lord when we are excited, worried, or confused.

III. He _____ His perfect sovereignty when He does show up. (Yes) Vv. 11-13

- A. When he did show up He found a _____ and hostile crowd.
 - 1. The assessment of the crowd was flawed because he could not be a liar and a good teacher. He is either who He claimed to be or a great deceiver.
 - 2. All were afraid to talk openly about Christ for fear of harsh punishment.
- B. He was able to teach sound _____ to a captivated audience.
 - 1. He wasn't doing miracles but rather teaching the truth put him in danger.
- C. The truth caused some of those who were _____ to believe. V. 31
 - 1. They came to saving faith as a result of listening to the words of Jesus. Heb. 4:12
 - 2. Jesus knew what they needed to hear and when. Eph. 2:10, Psalm 37:1-7

