

“The Lord Is Not Slack”

Introduction: It is easy for the believer to become impatient with the way things are in the world and begin to wonder why God allows it to go on. There are three things we must remember when dealing with this topic.

- I. God is not bound by _____ (2 Pe. 3:8).
 - A. There are some things that we believers cannot be _____ of.
 - B. God will not _____ us for being ignorant of what is in His Word (Matt. 12:3, 5; 19:4; 22:31).
 - C. Being ignorant of God’s Word brings _____ consequences (Hos. 4:6).
 - D. Time is _____ for us here on earth (Ps. 31:15; Col. 4:5).
 - E. We have a difficult time comprehending _____.
 - F. There is _____ time in heaven.
 - G. God _____ the beginning from the end (Is. 46:10).
 - H. What seems like an eternity to us is only as a _____ to God.
- II. God is _____ with the lost (2 Pe. 3:9).
 - A. God will never _____ to keep His promises.
 - B. God will never _____ about His promises.
 - C. Just because God does not fulfill the promise in the time period we _____ Him to, does not mean that He won’t.
 - D. It is not that God is being neglectful of His promise, but that He is giving the lost more _____ to be saved.
 - E. We see that God’s heart _____ the salvation of the lost more than their destruction (Ezek. 33:11).
 - F. That same desire needs to be our _____ (Lu. 9:54-56).
 - G. God’s desire is for their _____ --to turn from their sin and to turn to Christ (Ro. 2:4; 1 Tim. 2:4; Matt. 3:2; 4:17; Lu. 13:3, 5).
- III. God will not _____ forever (2 Pe. 3:10).
 - A. Yet, in spite of God’s love and desire for all to be saved, He cannot overlook _____ and let it go on unchecked.
 - B. This day is referring to the final _____ after the Millennium (Rev. 20:9).
 - C. To the lost, Jesus will come as a _____ (Matt. 24:42-22; 1 Thess. 5:2).
 - D. Everything will be destroyed by _____ (2 Thess. 1:7-10).
 - E. “To live for material things is to live for the _____” (MacDoanld).
 - F. Believers need to _____ their time, talents, and treasures in eternity rather than in this world which is headed for destruction.

Conclusion: “God is longsuffering; He is patient; He is not rushing things. After all, He has eternity behind Him and eternity ahead of Him. He doesn’t need to worry about time” (McGee).