



Waiting

2 Peter 3:3-13

- *Question: How do you make the best of your times of waiting?*

The Challenge of His waiting

Why has He not come by now? (but, He waits for a purpose)
God has never intervened (but, He has)

- *Question: Where have you seen God intervene in your life?*

The Reality of His waiting

Time is not a thing to God
He keeps His promises
He is longsuffering
He gives opportunity for repentance
He will come again

- *Question: Based on this teaching, how can we turn our waiting into a joyous experience?*

The Response to His waiting

Living holy

Anticipating

Sharing His truth

- *Question: In your own words, how do you wish to spend your time waiting for His return?*

A Thousand Years

“1 Peter 3:8 does not mean that God operates in a timeless state. Time is simply the way He and we measure the relationship of events to one another. God’s relationship to time is different from ours since He is eternal, but this does not mean that eternity will be timeless. Eternity is endless time.”

“Peter did not say that to God ‘one day *is* a thousand years, and a thousand years *are* one day.’ The point is not that time has no meaning for God but rather that His use of time is such that we cannot confine Him to our time schedules. His use of time is extensive, so that He may use a thousand years to do what we might feel should be done in a day, as well as intensive, doing in a day what we might feel could only be done in a thousand years.”

(Tom Constable, Paul Hiebert)