

As the New Year approaches, and we inevitable review 2020, it's likely that we have some questions regarding 'time' and 'timing'. The Word provides us with clarity and comfort regarding these important considerations, in order to strengthen our faith.

- Time and timing are both completely subject to Him.

Revelation 22:13 (NLT) - "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

- God seems less concerned with 'time', than He is about 'timing'.

2 Peter 3:8 (NLT) - But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day.

- We often mistake the lack of visible movement for a lack of God's activity.

Daniel 10:12-13 (NLT) - Then he said, "Don't be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer. <sup>13</sup> But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia.

- It is most often in the waiting that God's best work is done.

Isaiah 30:18 (NLT) - So the Lord must wait for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion. For the Lord is a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for his help.

## Study Guide

1. Generally speaking, how do you perceive time? Does it seem to move too slowly, or too quickly for your liking? Are you usually in a hurry, or generally more relaxed about it?
2. Experience tells us that both approaches to time (hurry up! and slow down!) have positive as well as negative sides. How would you describe your understanding of God with regards to time?
3. Take some time to review Sunday's scripture references; viewed together, what can they teach us about time and timing?
  - Revelation 22:13
  - 2 Peter 3:8
  - Daniel 10:12-13
  - Isaiah 30:18
4. Over the next little while, what could you do to help yourself in the areas of time, timing, waiting and trusting God? What are some things you can implement, to grow a deeper understanding of trust and faith?
5. Remember to simply bring your concerns to the Lord; never feel badly about bringing the same issues to Him. Ask Him to help you wait well.