WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. Isaiah 64:4 (NIV)

There are times when we ask our Lord the question, *When?* Lord, when will I recover from this illness? When will my family reconcile? When will I find happiness again? To answer these questions, God wants us to humble ourselves and pray to Him for answers. Often times, we are expecting answers to our queries to come promptly, but that is not how our Lord "works". He wants our attention. He wants us to be in constant union with Him through prayer. He wants our patience. In that time of waiting and anticipating for answers, He wants us to realize only He can affect change. He is the answer to our prayers and supplications. The true, correct and fulfilling answers always come from above.

So why is it we become impatient and lose faith in finding answers from God? That is the question before us. Why? We anxiously attempt to solve our own dilemmas and problems on our own terms. More often than not, we choose the wrong direction to proceed or find less desirable answers to our concerns because we unwittingly dimmish the Lord's help. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans that I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

The full import of God's words in Jeremiah is the message that we should hold dear to the undying belief that He <u>is</u> the answer to <u>all</u> of our prayers, questions and concerns. Draw near to our Lord. Hold fast, for your answers will come in due season for He has our best interest at heart.

Prayer: Dear Lord, Help us to be patient in prayer and to know that Your timing is always for our benefit. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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