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WHAT TIME IS IT?

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. Galatians 4:4-5 (ESV)

I am not fond of waiting. I do not mean for Christmas or my birthday. I have outgrown that. I do not like to wait for God to answer my prayers. I should be more patient. I know God answers prayers in his own perfect time, but I am human, and sometimes that gets in my way.

People in the Bible were impatient, too. When Adam and Eve had sinned and God gave them the promise of a Savior, Eve thought her firstborn might have been the one. Wow, was she wrong!

The Israelites were given a promise of a great land once they left Egypt. Because they grumbled and complained to Moses and against God in the wilderness, they had to wander for 40 years until all those who complained were dead.

Throughout the Old Testament there are many more examples of those who did not wait well for God to carry out his plan.

God had a great plan, though, and he picked the right time. Prophets sent from God prepared the way. The Old Testament was full of prophecies. Isaiah 9:6-7 is the one we all remember. It begins, "For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given."

Because God keeps his promises, we have been redeemed. The promise was for us and all the world. Now it is our time to tell others so that they may also receive God's promise as sons and daughters of the King.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for having the perfect plan to save us. We have done nothing to deserve it. Because Jesus lived and died for us, we have become heirs of salvation. We praise You for that. Help us live every day in service to You. Amen.

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