

is gone. God's reckoning of time varies from our short view of it (2 Peter 3)

c. Some interesting Biblical notes:

- (1) Jonah... 'yet forty days" (a judgment decree)
- (2) John 2 "my hour is not yet...."
- (3) Proverbs 6:9-10 (the attitude of the sluggard)
- (4) Jacob's week: Genesis 29:20

d. The purposes in this discipline may be summarized thus:

- (1) we are challenged to make every day count
- (2) Since time cannot be recovered we should think well on how it is used
- (3) but we also know that God "takes His time" and is neither hurried nor tardy--even though we are sometimes anxious to push him a bit.
- (4) consequently when things are done in an orderly way there is no regret...time challenges us to be precise and practical.

e. The great challenge is to be a good steward of time and to allow the "clock" to remind us of the need to serve God now!

3. The Discipline of Waiting.

a. By definition this is the training of not knowing what the Lord wants us to do and we must be patient, prayerful, and purposed to obedience. It is not a matter of just "standing around" but one of uncertainty in the course of action. It can be a very trying discipline because we may want to be up and running while we do not yet know the track or the goal!

b. Making the most of waiting:

- (1) Be patient: James 1:2-3 ff
- (2) Be hopeful: Romans 5:4-5
- (3) Stay ready: Philippians 1:23-25
- (4) Remember how God accomplishes His work: James 5:7

c. Some Biblical examples:

- (1) Proverbs 3:5 ff
- (2) The Macedonian call: Acts 16:9 in full context