

# WHY TARRIEST THOU?

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## INTRO.:

**A. Read TEXT: Acts 22:16.**

**B. Regarding the text:**

1. Someone said, "Leave nothing for tomorrow that can be done today."
2. Some people are known as procrastinators.
  - 1) It does not matter about some things!
  - 2) However, others need immediate attention!
    - a. Putting off medical care is unwise.
    - b. To put off the salvation of our souls is more unwise!
3. The Bible teaches that we do not have the security of tomorrow (**James 4:14** "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow...")
4. God's word is clear concerning God's plan for salvation...
  - 1) **HEAR** the word of God preached. (**Hebrews 11:6; Rom. 10:17**).
  - 2) **BELIEVE** the gospel. (**Mark 16:15-16**)
  - 3) **REPENT** of sins. (**Luke 13:3, 5**)
  - 4) **CONFESS** Jesus as the Son of God. (**Rom. 10:9-10**)
  - 5) **BE BAPTIZED**. (**Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21**)
  - 6) **BE FAITHFUL**. (**1 John 1:7; Rev. 2:10**)
5. How many of us here today believe that we will have plenty of time?
  - 1) I'm not ready yet.
  - 2) I will do that at a later time!

## DISCUSSION: WHY DO SOME TARRY EVEN AFTER...

### II. HEARING THE WORD.

**A. Some enjoy their lifestyles and are not ready to give them up.**

**B. One of Judah's faults that led to their captivity was their reliance on men rather than on God.**

1. Instead of listening to the prophets, they listened to others. **Psalm 1:1** "Blessed is the man who walketh NOT in the counsel of the ungodly..."
2. Why not seek the counsel of God and His word!
  - 1) Only truth will give us salvation!
  - 2) **John 8:32; Psalm 119:11, 105, Ps. 37:31** "The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide."
3. Some CLOSE their ears to Bible truths. (**Acts 7:57** "Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord.")
4. Many listen far too long to the doctrines of men.

**C. When will we just LISTEN to the plain truth?**

### III. BELIEVING THE GOSPEL.

**A. NOTE: As we just noted, some will not hear the truth.**

1. They listen... THEN dismiss God's instructions and follow a man's doctrine.
2. Many times, without investigation (**1 Thessalonians 5:21** "Prove all things...").

**B. Some are convinced they will do it later.**

**C. Paul's final missionary journey into Caesarea (**Acts chapter 24**).**

1. Felix heard the Gospel preached (**Acts 24:24**)
2. Felix trembled at the Gospel (**Vs. 25**)
  - 1) Some today, someone somewhere, will hear a sermon AND will react as Felix did!
  - 2) Others will choose to act on it and obey the word of God.
  - 3) Some do nothing and are eternally lost by **TARRYING** too long.

**D. Felix WAITED for another time.**

1. Many today are waiting for a more convenient season.
2. How many men have stepped into eternity WHILE WAITING FOR ANOTHER TIME?

#### IV. SEEING THE NEED TO REPENT.

- A. Involves those inside and outside of the church (Law of Christ is universal **(Gal. 3:22-29)**).
- B. Do you know anyone who went to their eternal reward who needed to make a change but did not?
- C. Bible example: Rich man and Lazarus
  1. The rich man wanted to do anything for relief.
  2. He asked for help for his loved ones. **(Luke 16:22-29)**
- D. What will we think at judgment *IF* we do not repent? If we tarry too long?

#### V. KNOWING THE VALUE OF BAPTISM

- A. We are told that baptism saves (**2 Peter 3:21**). However, some will put off baptism.
  1. Some are concerned with what their friends/family might say.
  2. Some wait for “the right person” to baptize them.
  3. Some want to wait for Sunday.
- B. No schedule for baptism. Eunuch saw water, he told Phillip, “What doth hinder me...” **(Acts 8:36)**.
- C. Ananias told Paul; **Act 22:16** “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”

#### VI. CONCLUSION:

- A. The longer we wait in this life, the more apt we are to meet Jesus unprepared.
  1. Why put off your salvation?
  2. Is it wise?
- B. If Christ comes today, will you be sorry that you have tarried?
- C. Or will you rejoice in your salvation?
- D. Why do you wait, dear sinner, oh why do you tarry so long...?