

A Greater Yes

*All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all that I have not seen.
(Author Unknown)*

Many have been set aside for a miracle tomorrow who have seemingly been overlooked for a blessing today (Luke 1:11-18). We should often remind ourselves that God is extremely attentive to detail. He will not neglect the faith of those who walk with Him. It is impossible to please God without faith. So anyone who wants to come to Him must believe that God exists and that He rewards those who sincerely seek Him (Hebrews).

An angel said to Zechariah (Luke 1:13), "Do not be afraid, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John." This couple had prayed for a child all their married lives and had no idea that the Lord was preparing them for a unique blessing. And long after it seemed their dream had sunk in the icy waters of impossibility, something supernatural happened—God showed up. They conceived a child at a time in their lives when it was absolutely impossible for them to do so. Nine months later Elizabeth gave birth to John the Baptist and it was his preaching that prepared the Jews for the Christ's ministry (Isaiah 40:3). God just didn't give them a son; He gave them John. And Jesus declared (Luke 7:28), "For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist."

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up (Paul). Timing and order are of utmost importance to God. The Bible is filled with examples of the Lord temporarily withholding blessings in order to prepare people for greater things. Our Heavenly Father will at times say no so He can give us a greater yes. Some of us believe that God is almighty and may do everything, and that He is all-wisdom and can do everything; but that He is all-love and wishes to do everything—there we stop short. It is this ignorance; it seems to me, that hinders us most (Julian of Norwich).

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