

Cradle of Desire

God often takes a course for accomplishing His purposes directly contrary to what our narrow views prescribe. He brings a death upon our feelings, wishes and prospects when He is about to give us the desire of our hearts.

(John Newton)

Far too many are quick to lose sight of their spiritual priorities when the answer to their prayer does not come immediately. Remember this fact, the Lord wants to give us more than we desire to receive from Him. God's gifts put our best dreams to shame (Elizabeth Browning). Our Heavenly Father lovingly cradles our desire in His arms, anxiously waiting for the right moment to give us His best. A perfect example of this truth is seen in the lives of Zechariah and Elizabeth. They prayed and pleaded, year in and year out, asking the Lord to give them a child, a son, but all to no avail. God did not act as they anticipated or requested. But He did answer them in His own way and at the just the right time.

Zechariah, was a priest, and while serving in the Temple an angel appeared to him making this announcement (Luke 1:13), "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will give you a son, and you are to name him John." The baby whom the angel spoke of was not ordinary by any means. He was none other than John the Baptist an individual who represented God's greatest possible blessing for them. His ministry prepared the world for the coming of Christ.

Everything that is important to you matters to God. His timing is crucial so don't become weary as you wait for Him to bless your life with His best. The Bible declares (Isaiah 49:15-16), "Can a woman forget her nursing infant and not have compassion on the child of her womb? Yes, they may forget but I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands." Your desires and hopes are cradled in the hands of God; He will not disappoint or fail you. Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart (Psalms). Our challenge is to remain steadfast in our faith and refuse to waver when delay is attached to our requests.

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