

What God Is Waiting For

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God's goal for each of His children is to turn their hearts from wrath to grace through repentance, which brings personal and large-scale deliverance.

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Scripture: Genesis 6:5, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 51:17, Isaiah 57:15, Joel 2:12-13, Luke 15:18-20, Acts 3:19

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Description

The sermon transcript discusses the importance of repentance and contrition in the eyes of God. It emphasizes that when individuals and communities repent and turn away from their sinful ways, God responds by bringing about positive changes in their lives and surroundings. The story of the prodigal son is used as an example of how contrition leads to God's grace. The transcript also highlights the negative consequences of giving in to desires such as greed and lust, which result in pollution and destruction. However, it offers hope that through repentance, God can bring deliverance and restoration on both a personal and large scale.

Transcript

God lives and works today. His heart is a fatherly heart, and in His heart He has a definite goal for each one of His children, especially those in today's world. What are His goal and plan? The answer is in today's meditation by Basilius Schlenk called, What God is Waiting for.

In these times when pollution is so threatening the world, there's nothing more important than repentance, which comes from daily contrition. But why? Contrition and repentance turn the heart of God from wrath to grace. They change us, and they change our surroundings.

We can see this in the story of the prodigal son. When he said in contrition, I have sinned against heaven and against you, the father showered him with grace. Psalm 51 tells us that a broken heart, that is a contrite heart, is pleasing to God.

Yes, God dwells in humble contrite hearts, Isaiah 57. Blessed are they who their sins all amend, for new life is given to those who repent. By love is their nature transfigured.

What does this promise of grace mean for the dark times of danger, fear, and death in which we're living? If God lives within us, we're strong and comforted, at peace in the midst of all fear, filled with joy in the

midst of all suffering. This is a reality. We can see with our own eyes how God is punishing us for having given in to all our desires, for striving after money, profit, sex, enjoyment, and power.

The result of these sins is pollution in every form and aspect. But if we turn about and repent and begin to follow Jesus on his way, then he will grant us his grace. This means literally that he'll give us fruit, prosperity, and success in the areas where previously our sin of desire and greed has brought about so much destruction.

The Old and the New Testaments tell us about the spiritual law, and today we can see its effects with our own eyes. God acts according to his word. On our little land of Canaan, we've also experienced this throughout the years.

God sometimes had to send his judgment upon our land and community, but when we repented and turned away from what had displeased the Lord in our lives, then every time in a very real way we experienced how the problems and conditions were changed. Plants and trees began to flourish again, and the land became fertile, even if it had been afflicted by drought or vermin beforehand. In our times, there's no exhortation that's more important for our lives than repent.

Yes, the more judgment, the more repentance. That should be the watchword for us all today. Repentance will bring his personal deliverance when we come into situations where our health or our lives are endangered by pollution, but it will also bring help on a large scale because it's contagious, and then God will take back his judgment and once more grant us grace.

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