

Message

Waiting for
GOD'S TIMING

A person is silhouetted against a bright sunset sky, standing on a grassy hill and looking out over a body of water. The text "Waiting for GOD'S TIMING" is overlaid on the image.

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- **Waiting is “remaining inactive in one place, while expecting something”.**
 - ✓ **Waiting – *Tests our submission to God.***
 - ✓ **Waiting – *Not resignation from all activity; it is submission to God's better idea.***

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■ Acts 1:1-5

✓ John 20:19-22– *"And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit".."*

❖ Question:

Are we waiting on the power to be associated with the Holy Spirit within us to do great things for God, prior to Christ's second coming to this world?

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■ Other Possible Comparisons

- ✓ Could the "earnest" of first fruits on Pentecost be similar to the "earnest" of the Holy Spirit given at baptism, for the purpose of a great ministerial service?
- ✓ Could John 20:19-22, be an allusion to the Breathe of Spiritual life from the garden of Eden; needing the power of the Holy Spirit?

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■ Habakkuk 2:1-3

- ✓ Habakkuk gave a prophecy of a coming Babylonian invasion and captivity
- ✓ Are we not living in similar "Babylonian Captivity" today?
- ✓ What should we do? Keep "stand on our guard" and "keep watch"

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■ Micah 7:7

- ✓ Micah's instruction, during the Babylonian captivity; “..wait for the God of my salvation...”
- ✓ When we are perplexed with God's time table of world events or the Harvest of the First Fruits, we are to wait, watch and stand on guard against the temptation of impatience.

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■ Joel 2:1-3, 5, 10-13, 28-32

- ✓ Context of Joel 2 is the end time; "For the day of the Lord is coming; surely it is near."
- ✓ "I will pour out My Spirit in those days."
- ✓ Signs in the Heavens / 6th Seal of Revelations 6.
- ✓ Martyrdom of Saints / 5th Seal of Revelation 6.

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- ❖ Question: Could Peter's point of reference on Pentecost have been the revelation that the early Church of God would need the Holy Spirit and the power of the Holy Spirit spread to members from all nations (Gentile and Israelite) to endure the persecution and martyrdom, for the testimony of Jesus, in their future?

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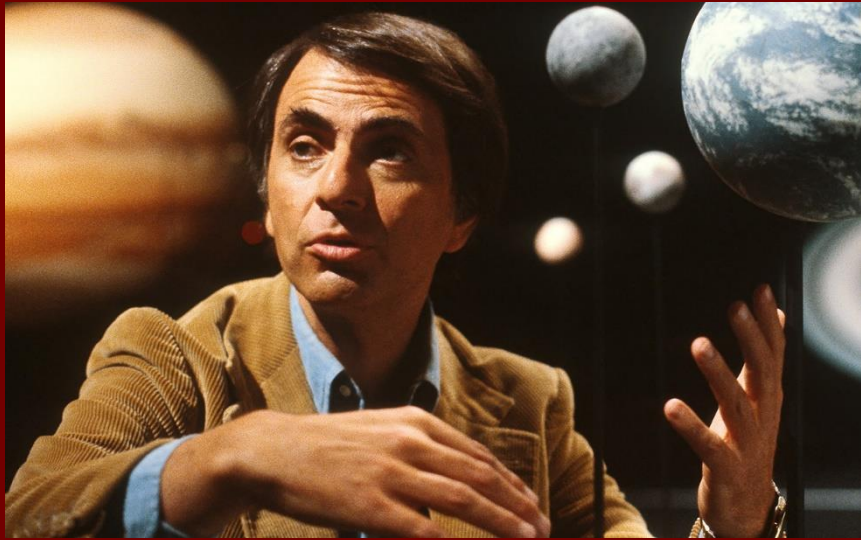
- **What can we focus on, while we wait, watch and stand on guard, in a patient manner, for God?**
 - ✓ **Romans 8:18-27**
 - **Waiting can foster frustration / Consider the waiting period as a testing period.**

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- **What can we focus on, while we wait, watch and stand on guard, in a patient manner, for God?**
 - ✓ **Psalm 37:1-11, 23-28, 30-34**
 - **The life we claim to live will manifest it's "true color" and reward, in the time of the Harvesting of the First Fruits, if we sustain and pass the test of period of waiting.**

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“Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known.”



- Carl Sagan

**Our Calling Is To Be
Something Incredible
To Be Known!**