

Full Sermon Transcript:  
**Waiting for the Promises**  
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**Sermon Outline:**

**Acts 1:4-5** Jesus told the disciples to wait until Pentecost.

Promise of Baptism of The Holy Ghost. Not promise of speaking in tongues. But they did. For us, it could be different gifts. But The Holy Ghost for all of fully surrender in truth.

Counting while waiting for increase/empowerment.

**There's other promises that we must also wait for.**

Even for the wilderness events. Great Tribulation, fulfilled prophecies, etc.

Our destinies.

**But only on the promises that GOD really did make to us, Not what we want to believe that He promised.**

**120 years for Noah's flood to actually be fulfilled.**

**Hebrews 11:39** The Old Testament saints died before receiving the promise of the fullness of the Kingdom. What a surprise they will have when they learn that they must go another additional 100 hundreds after they are resurrected at the 2nd Resurrection.

**Hebrews 10:23** "Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise."

**Romans 8:25** "But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."

**Galatians 6:9** "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

**Microwave, 100 mph, instant society wants everything now. We know that we must be patient, wait, endure, but actually applying it is the problem. It's more than just knowing that is important, but application.**

**Psalms 27:14** "Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD."

**Isaiah 40:31** "But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

**Habakkuk 2:3** "For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay." correction: FOREVER

**But if you think that you can wait in Babylon, the false churches and receive the promises of God, you're deceiving yourself.**

**Abraham had to leave his country.**

**We are told to leave Babylon.**

**Lot had to leave Sodom & Gomorrah.**

**We have to leave mommy & daddy's place. And mommy & daddy's religion.**

New song:  
Waiting on the Promises

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Let's go in prayer. Lord, heavenly Father, in Jesus' name, thank you, Lord, for getting us through this week. Thank you for getting Pastor Tim through this week, for preserving me, keeping me, helping me through the storm. Thank you for getting us through the storm last night as well. Thank you for this message we're about to receive. We pray that it will help somebody. We pray that Manasseh will repent, stop being rebellious and sinful, stop deceiving himself, stop following his own will, his own desires, his own thinking, but to surrender to you 100 percent, to fully repent and be saved so that he can truly hear from you instead of his imaginations, instead of false prophets that came from the Babylonian Trinity Church. May he believe the word of the true prophets rather than the false prophets. Please help Brother R with a part-time job in the evenings, afternoons or evenings, with the people that would be good people to work with and work for. Please help Brother R. Please help Brother John to get an apartment and his job transfer. Please help all of our brothers and sisters across the world, all their different needs, desires, finances and health and decisions. You know them everyone by name and all their needs and requests. Please help us to get our flyers and gospel tracts made for autism and schizophrenia and get that task completed as well very soon. Please bless our email campaign that will be started this week as we send emails to different denominations and churches and groups. Please help us with that campaign. Bless and anoint Brother R in that. Please bless the distribution of the AOB Bible in the prisons and in churches around the world. And to individuals worldwide. Please help us to continue to perfect the translation, the publication, as well as the website. Please guard our hearts and minds. Help us to not turn back to Babylon. Help us to not fall away. Help us to remain faithful and true and to endure. Help us to put in practice what we know. Not just know things, but to apply what we know. That we not be just a hearer of the word, but a doer of the word. We pray for your special blessing now upon the message we're about to receive. It will not be void nor vain. This message will accomplish the purpose in which you send it. In Jesus' holy name, so be it. Amen. Everybody may be seated.

Let's turn to Acts chapter 1.

The sermon topic and title today is, Waiting for the Promises.

In Acts 1:4, Gathering them together, He, Jesus, commanded them not to leave Jerusalem....

Why was they in Jerusalem? They was in Jerusalem from different nations. Even far away, everybody had gathered to one location because it was Pentecost. This was not just only the local church.

This was not just the local people that lived in Jerusalem. As Chapter 2 tells us that people came from many different nations because Pentecost is one of three commanded pilgrimages.

We have Passover with the Days of Unleavened Bread. Then we have Pentecost. Then later in the year, we have the Feast of Tabernacles. Those are the three commanded pilgrimages, which we have that written on the website.

That's why they were in Jerusalem. This verse is 10 days before Pentecost when He says this.

He says, don't leave Jerusalem, but wait. Jesus said, to wait for what the Father has promised.

So the topic today, like I said, is waiting for the promises. Jesus said, wait for what the Father has promised, which you heard of from me.

For John baptized with water, he would be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days from now.

Now we know that John had warned the Pharisees that they would be baptized with fire, the lake of fire, destroyed, annihilated, repented in the second resurrection or in their lifetime.

So baptism of the Holy Ghost can occur two different ways, a good way and a bad way.

A bad way, as I just said, is to be annihilated with the lake of fire, to be destroyed because God is the lake of fire.

But the good way in which Jesus is now speaking of, rather than what John talked about, is to receive the Holy Ghost inside of us, which is a fire, a measure of fire, that does not destroy but heats, warms up and empowers, that gives energy, that gives strength against sin, that gives wisdom and discernment, that gives a greater measure of common sense.

Acts chapter 1 verse 4 and verse 5, page 707. And this Holy Ghost is salvation, amen.

Without the Holy Ghost we are not saved. We know that literally billions of false Christians worldwide of all the different denominations, daughters of the Catholic Church, daughters of Islam, that they think they are saved, but they don't take the Passover communion, therefore it's impossible that they are saved.

Many of them have not been baptized, therefore it's impossible that they are saved.

And those that have been baptized have not taken the Passover communion, so they still are not saved.

And communion on Sunday is not Passover communion. Communion on Easter and Christmas is not Passover communion.

Passover communion is Passover communion. Amen. And even if you have been baptized and taken Passover communion, even that does not guarantee your salvation all alone, because the law does not save you.

But has God fulfilled His promise to give you the Holy Ghost? He doesn't have to, if you're not, repent it.

Because Acts 2 verse 38 says, Repent and then baptize and receive the Holy Ghost.

If you have not repented it, then all the law, all the obedience, all the holy days, the Sabbath, and what you know, and all the truth you know, is all in vain, is useless, is all in vain to know the truth unless you repent.

Even if you're trying to teach other people the truth, it's useless unless you yourself repent.

Repent that you may receive the Holy Ghost. You can't receive the Holy Ghost. You can't be saved without repentance. It's impossible, amen.

But Jesus told these people to stay, wait, don't leave, attend Pentecost at the central location where everybody is to gather so that they would be saved.

They weren't saved yet. They already knew about the Sabbath. They already knew about Jesus. They already knew about the holy days in Pentecost.

And they may have even been baptized by John, but they weren't saved yet. Now the disciples were, but the other 3,000 got saved on Pentecost, amen.

Now in the context of today's sermon, we're not talking only about waiting for true salvation, but other promises because the Holy Ghost is not the only promise that God has ever made, right?

God has different covenants and vows and promises that He has made to Israel that's not yet completely fulfilled yet, but will be completely fulfilled in the future.

Israel, America, the UK, and the land of Judah is still waiting for the fulfillment of some of those promises, amen.

And other types of promises that God has made not only to nations, but even to individuals, to us, to me, to you, promises that God has made that are still yet to be fulfilled.

Whether it's healing or whether it's finances or something else or something else or something else, whatever it may be that God may have promised people that we're still waiting on. Amen.

To wait on the promises. But as I talk about this today, we're not talking about things you've made up in your mind, your heart, your imagination, which is a major, major problem.

Almost everybody, literally, I'm not exaggerating, almost everybody has these imaginations of their own heart, their own mind of what they think God says to them on a daily basis or has said to them, either personally or through someone else.

That's a major problem for almost everyone. Oh, God said this, God said this, God said that, and they've never heard from God in their life.

That's the reality for most people, most Christians, amen. God might be trying to talk to them, trying to lead them, but they're not listening to God.

They're listening to their own imaginations, their own heart, their own will, their own desires. Amen.

So as I speak today, I'm not talking about the fake promises, the promises you made to yourself that came from God, but rather the true promises that God really did make to people and nations.

I think of Noah, who spent 120 years waiting for the flood. And imagine his own family members, his friends, his neighbors, and everybody that heard about him building the ship.

You know that they thought that he was crazy and deceived, but he was a true man of God that really did hear from God.

And those that really do hear from God are never accepted by society. So the church, the true church, must be extremely small.

Any church that you know of that is large in this day and time, in the context of this world we live in today, it's impossible that they are true Christians.

Impossible. The true people of God are never popular or accepted in this wicked world.

Noah being one of those examples of that. But the 120 years was fulfilled and the flood did come.

And God fulfilled that promise of that prophecy, including the safety for him and his family. Amen.

Let's go to Hebrews 11, verse 39.

And all of these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised.

Talking about Abraham and others, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, these great men of faith, I think Sampson is listed here as well, others, all these people in what we call the chapter of faith, or you could say the chapter of heroes, amen, but it's more commonly known as the faith chapter.

These people did not receive the promises. That means that they have not gone to heaven, they have not yet received their eternal reward.

That's what that means. God did keep his promises to every one of these people, but not the most important promise, yet.

The most important promise is New Jerusalem, eternal life forever. And they won't receive those things and be turned to spirit until they pass the second test, a second lifetime.

Every one of the people in the Old Testament will have to rise in the second resurrection and live in the flesh for another 100 years.

Moses, Noah, Job, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Manasseh, Ephraim, all the Old Testament saints, Samuel, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, as righteous as they were, Daniel, they will still yet have to pass another test, another life in the flesh for 100 years, because they have to hear and understand the name of Jesus, be baptized in Jesus' name rather than being baptized in the blood of goats, amen?

They have to learn about the Holy Ghost, they have to learn about the New Testament, they have to learn that circuses and clean and unclean meats were things that really God never really did want to begin with, but did command in order to get the people under better control.

They've got still yet a lot to learn. They still have to wait for their inheritance.

Waiting on the promises. Some have to wait longer than others, but it is worth the wait.

It is worth the wait, as that one song says, I've not regretted a mile that I have walked for the Lord, amen.

In Hebrews 10 verse 23, Let us hold very tight unto the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.

We have to hold very tight in this chaotic world, full of confusion, many different voices, competing voices, all these false voices, wolves and sheep's clothing, false prophets, devils that have spoken in your ear, your own imaginations, mental illness, the things they are putting in the water, the things they are putting in the food, the things they are putting in the air, the things they are putting subliminally in the advertisements.

The war against us is endless. We only know a part of it, amen. But because of that, we have to hold very, very tight to not fall away from the true Jesus, his truth, his commandments, his way of life, and the true church, the true body of Christ.

You may get angry at me, but you have to hold tight to Jesus and his body, his church.

You may not like me, but you need to hold tight to Jesus and his servants, his true prophets, his true pastors, their guidance, their instructions, their commandments.

This is what God has always expected his people to do, to listen and obey to Jeremiah, to listen and obey to Daniel, to Abraham, to Jacob, to Joseph. Amen.

You can't go your own way what you think that God said, what you think God wants.

You need to listen to the administration of God's church. People don't like that because they think it's being over-controlling, oppressive, spiritual abuse.

All these words I have heard over and over and over because in this world they have been brainwashed into thinking that a pastor has no authority and that God does not speak through the pastor.

That is what they have always been brainwashed to believe, that you can just follow what you think you know, what you think you heard.

The pastor, you can just ignore him, just totally ignore him. He doesn't know anything.

He doesn't hear from God. He doesn't have any authority. That's what they have been programmed to think. Amen.

They would rather, as the Bible says in the book of Timothy, heap unto themselves, gather unto themselves, teachers, preachers, ministers that tickle their ears, that make them feel good, that give them prophecies that exalt their pride, that give them prophecies that exalt them rather than exalting God. Amen.

They gather to themselves teachers that tickle their ears. That's the reality. That's what I see every day.

But we need to hold very tight to the truth, to the true church, to Jesus, to his true promises, to the true prophecies. Not give up on the true prophecies. It took 120 years for the flood to come in Noah's lifetime, but it did eventually come.

And every year, you know by common sense, every year, the persecution against Noah became worse and worse and worse.

It was pretty bad in the first year. Ten years, 20 years, 30 and 40 and 50, and 100 years and even 110 and 119 years. And in the final days, think of how bad it was, of how people hated Noah with a passion if you're just using common sense.

Common sense will teach you this. Amen. The Bible says the world will hate you because it hates me. If the world does not hate you, you're not walking with Jesus inside you sufficiently.

You're hiding your light. You're not speaking forth his word. You're either not saved or you're hiding your salvation. Amen.

Let's move on to Romans chapter 8. As a pastor of the true church, I should be hated and despised more than any other pastor that you ever heard of in your life.

I speak the truth in Jesus' name and I say that. As a pastor and apostle of the true church, I should be more hated than any other pastor in the world.

I hate it than any other pastor that you have ever known or ever will know in your entire life.

And I am hated and despised that much. Every pastor in this town that knows about me, those that do know about me, I am a lost and deceived and leading a cult.

And the same thing is thought about me by everyone that has previously been part of the congregation, but they left on their own or I pushed them away.

They think that I'm over-controlling, lost, deceived, satanic, demonic. They hate me.

Kiki, you hate me. Crystal and Anthony, you hate me. Tammy, you hate me. And others, you hate me.

Otherwise, you would be here with me today. Amen. The Bible says that if they are not for you, they are against you. Isn't that common sense?

Someone either supports you or they are against you. You can't have it both ways. Amen.

In Romans 8, verse 25, that if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it. Amen.

The previous verse, 24. Verse 24. For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope.

For who hopes for what he already sees? Amen. It is necessary to not yet see the fulfillment of everything. See, people in this world, they want world peace now.

And it's stupid. Every time I see on social media, Facebook and Twitter, other places across the internet, when I see these people say, pray for world peace, or we should have world peace, it's stupid.

Every time I see people post that on the internet, these people are children, childish, immature, ignorant, naive.

People, a lot of people hate God and are atheists because we don't have world peace.

They hate Israel because we don't have world peace. They hate Trump because we don't have world peace.

Whatever. They hate anything and everything because we don't have world peace. Amen. The reality as grown adults with common sense, we're never going to have world peace until we crush and destroy all wickedness, including Satan.

And only God can destroy Satan. And he's not meant to destroy Satan and won't destroy Satan until the time is right.

Until the time is right. Amen. At this current time, it is necessary to have cancer, disease, death, persecution, hatred.

These things are necessary in this life currently. You have to have darkness and you have to have light.

You have to have all that right now. Because we are not meant to be robots or computer chips or computer profiles where God controls us to where he just turns the knob or pushes the button and bang, just like that, everything is perfect.

We're not meant to be that way. God doesn't want that. If God wanted that, then he could have just made a movie or TV show or something to where everything goes exactly the way he wants it.

But instead, he gave us free will so that we can choose to obey or not obey, to live for him or not live for him.

Our choice. And that's an awfully good God to do that. He could have programmed us just like he programmed the

birds to migrate to the north and to the south in the winter and in the summer, how birds would migrate and travel and even other insects in addition to birds, insects, that they would travel for and even like bears and different animals, how they would travel for hundreds or even thousands of miles, even like pilgrims, pilgrims, whatever the name of that bird is, and other types of birds, you know, how they travel, migrate.

We could be like that. God could have programmed us to be obedient, not rebellious, and just automatically like a computer chip, like a programmed microwave or programmed computer file to just automatically be perfect, 100% perfect, and no sin, no death, no suffering, never learning any lessons, never needing to grow up, never needing to be corrected.

And that would be paradise, so people think, but it really wouldn't. That would not be paradise. That would just be fake. That would just be worthless, worthless, a worthless life, not worth the living.

But God in His perfect wisdom decided to give us choice, freedom, liberty. And He says, I'm going to give you an instruction book.

Read the instructions. Follow the instructions. Amen? And if you follow the instructions and not leave out any of the steps and follow the instructions perfectly, then in the very end, when it is done and complete, it will be a perfect paradise in the end.

But this is not something that you can build in one day, even with the instruction book.

This is a long-term project. This is not something that you can just push a button and it's done in one minute, or one day, or one year.

This is something that's going to take thousands of years, because this is the biggest project in the universe that has ever, ever been the biggest project.

God's masterpiece. A project bigger and more important than the creation of the sun and the moon and the planets and the universe.

We are the children of God. We are the kingdom of God. We are God's people. God's masterpiece.

And it is not done in one day, one month, or one year. I've been preaching for something like 19 years now, maybe 20 years now, I don't know, or maybe 21 years now.

Let's say 19 years for preaching, and I think it's saved for 21, something like that.

And look how long it has taken me to learn and to embrace all these different parts of the truth.

And every year we correct ourselves on something, and that's the way it's meant to be.

It wasn't meant for me to know everything in my first year of preaching. It wasn't meant for the Apostle Paul to understand everything correctly.

It wasn't meant for Peter to understand everything correctly, or even Moses or Abraham.

In each and every generation, God reveals a little bit more. As we grow older, as a civilization, as a kingdom, as a people.

You can't teach a five-year-old everything. He won't be able to understand everything.

You only teach a five-year-old child what a five-year-old child is ready to learn and able to learn. Amen.

So if you think that you can reach perfection in one year time and then just leave the church and not need me or a church, and you think you don't need a church and you don't think you have to attend these worship services, if you think you don't need to listen to these sermons, if you think you don't have to hold tight onto God's church and the true pastors, if you think that pastors are not needful, if you think that Apostles don't exist, if you think that end-time prophets don't exist, you're deceiving yourselves.

The Bible very clearly teaches that we need teachers. That salvation comes from hearing the Word of God from the mouth of a pastor.

The Bible teaches this. Amen. And that you cannot be part of the body of Christ if you're cut off from the body of Christ.

That's like an arm that has been cut off or a finger that has been cut off from the body.

You cannot survive that way. Amen. We need to hold tight onto the true church, the body of Christ, the truth, His Word, and His promises, not giving up, not falling away.

I have preached this a million times. Amen. But today we're not talking about just not falling away, but also enduring and persevering until all of God's promises are fulfilled, promises of prosperity, promises of whatever it may be.

I'm not going to name them. There's a million different things that God may have promised us.

I'm still waiting. We're all still waiting for the Great Tribulation. That's going to happen. I can promise you that.

It's written in the Word of God. Amen. The Great Tribulation, we don't know whether it's next spring or six years from now or when, but it's coming.

And the Great Tribulation will not fail. That prophecy will not fail. It will be fulfilled. And people will see the return of the Antichrist, the President of Syria, the Bashar Assad, will return to power.

I have no doubt of that. And everybody thinks that I'm a false prophet, that I was proven wrong about Bashar Assad. And yet, God will still fulfill that prophecy. The fact that Bashar Assad has been removed from power is proof that that is the correct prophecy, the true prophecy that Assad is the Antichrist, because Revelation says that he would suffer a deadly head wound, which is symbolism for a total and complete removal of his headship, his leadership of Syria.

Total removal of his leadership. Dead is dead. Symbiotically, that's total removal of leadership. Amen.

It proves the prophecy correct, and it will be fulfilled because the Bible says, the same chapter in Revelation, that his deadly head wound will be healed, and then the whole world will wonder after him. Amen.

The whole world will be amazed, and they will be shocked, they will be surprised.

And all these people that think I have been proven wrong will be shocked, and they will be brought low, and they will be ashamed. Amen.

That they have spoken against God's true Church, which is the same thing as preaching against God.

When they speak against me, they speak against God, because I'm only a messenger.

I only deliver His Word. So when you hate me, you hate God, because the only thing I am is a messenger.

That's what the word apostle means, messenger. Amen. As the Bible says, they will hate you because they hate me. Amen.

Let's go over to Galatians 6, verse 9.

Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time, not before its time, but rather in the time in which it is due. Amen. Not until then. We will reap, receive, if we do not grow weary. Amen. It's easy in this flesh, year after year after year after year, of waiting and waiting and waiting, and being hated and persecuted, and in this war, and this war just don't give up.

This war just continues to increase. With all the trials and finances and health issues and everything that we have to deal with, it gets difficult.

God did not promise us an easy road. It has to be a difficult road. We have to have sicknesses. We have to have financial problems.

The more financial problems we have, the better for us. The more sickness we have, the better for us.

The more hatred that they hate us with, the better for us. Because this makes us tougher, stronger, more determined, stronger people, stronger character.

It is shaping us into what we must become in order to be kings of paradise, to rule the universe, to rule galaxies, solar systems, new planets.

We have to become strong if we want to be the kings and inherit, as Romans 8 talks about, to inherit the universe.

Because God will not give inheritance to weak, immature children. He won't do it because He's a good Father and He's wise. Amen.

Now, in this society we live in today, I'll call it a microwave society because they want everything instantly, quickly, quickly, quickly.

And everybody wants to drive 100 miles per hour. Everything has to be fast, fast, fast.

I want it today, I want it in two days, I want it in three days. Whereas for God, a thousand years is as one day.

To Him, 6,000 years is really a blink of the eye. 10,000 years is a blink of the eye with God.

Time really doesn't exist for Him in a way, in a sense. But for us, our carnal, physical flesh, time goes so slow.

We need to see the big picture, and that's going to make it a lot easier. Once you learn to see the big picture, outside of the four walls of your house, outside of your own finances, outside of your own problems, your own health, your own problems that you deal with every day, your own health, your own finances, your own poverty, your own health, whatever your situation is, if you see outside of your own box, in your own world, and see the reality of other people's needs, the needs of the gospel, the needs of the church, the needs of this ministry, the needs of our sisters and brothers, the needs of people, the needs of society, the needs of the kingdom, it's going to make it a lot easier once you learn that. That it's not about just you. That you are not the main character of this movie. That you are not the main character of this video game. That other people do matter more than you.

Learn to put other people first, and to not just know these things, but to actually apply these things into your life.

Because just knowing it is one thing, but applying it is a whole other level. Much more.

Much more to it. To actually apply these things. To actually leave Babylon. To actually repent.

To actually keep the Sabbath. To actually pay your tithes first, not last. Amen. To actually put God first, not parents

first.

To put God first in his true church first, rather than the false church. Rather than physical parents.

Rather than physical family. To put the truth first. God first. Obedience first. God and his righteousness. Matthew 6 verse 33. God, his kingdom, and his righteousness. First.

Not second. Not third. Not last. But first. And be in this for the long term. To endure into the end. Amen. To hold very tight.

To not let all the problems in this life and all the voices in this life detour you from continuing on the right road. Amen. Don't give up on the true prophecies. Those days will be fulfilled. The Purim will be fulfilled. Amen.

Let's go into the Old Testament now. Psalm 27. Verse 14. Wait on Jesus. Be of good courage. And let your heart be strengthened. Yes. Wait on Jesus. Be of good courage.

Don't allow yourself to get depressed. We all have those moments, but then we have to pick ourselves up. Amen.

Let your heart be strengthened. Your mind be strengthened. Work on your flaws.

Work on your problems. Strive for perfection, but realize that you're not going to accomplish it in one year.

But work on it. Work on it realistically. Don't work on it thinking you're going to be perfect in one year. But work on it. Step by step by step. But work on it. Don't be slacking lukewarm and complacent and not work on it. You need to work on it.

Strive for the perfection, one step at a time.

Isaiah 40, Verse 31. But they that wait on Theos shall renew their strength. They should put forth new feathers like eagles.

They should run and not be weary. They should walk and not hunger. I remember reading something a long, long time ago about eagles is that they live a long time.

And when they turn 40 years old, they said their feathers have all new feathers at 40 years old.

People think that they're so mature when they're 21. 25 and 30. 35. When really, honestly, you don't become very mature until you get into your 40s, by nature, by God's design, especially in this day and time, in this generation, this world we live in today where people baby their children forever.

But even back in agent times when things were more perfect than what they are today by comparison, when things were more natural thousands of years ago, more in line with God's design, even then in God's design, people were not fully mature until you get into your 40s and then even more in your 50s and then even more in your 60s.

There's a reason why your elders, the leaders of the church, leaders in society, leaders in business, the most successful people, and the wisest people are older people.

Because God did allow them to make mistakes in their teenage years, in their 20s, in their 30s, even in their 40s, how we continue to make mistakes and you're never too old to learn and to grow.

We've got to be willing to keep growing in the truth and repent more every year and every year that I stand here behind this pulpit as a leader and say I was wrong about something, let's change this, because it wasn't meant for me to know everything in the first 10 years. Amen.

I guarantee you that people left me in the first two years I was preaching because I did treat certain things wrong back then.

I was still doing the clean and unclean meats because I wasn't yet mature enough in the Holy Ghost, in Jesus, in obedience, in repentance, in knowledge, in understanding.

I was still much, much, much younger 20 years ago, amen. That's decades ago, that's two decades ago.

But instead of leaving the church, instead of leaving the church, if they had stayed in the church, they would have saw me grow in the Lord and in correct doctrine.

They could have been there with me to support me in that instead of forsaking the church, amen.

The book of Hebrews says to not forsake, gathering yourselves together as the habit is of some people, amen.

We need to stick together and grow together, amen. Hanukkah, not Hanukkah, but Habakkuk.

Let's go to the book of Habakkuk chapter 2, verse 3.

For the vision is yet for a time, and it shall shoot forth at the end, and not in vain, though he should tarry, that means delay, though God delays, wait for him.

For he will surely come, and will not tarry, will not delay. It sounds contradictory because it says that he will delay, and then it says that he will not delay.

So we need to make a correction here to make it easier to understand. First of all, we're going to change this word tarry to the word delay so people can understand it better.

Nothing wrong with the word tarry, but it's an old English word that a lot of people don't use that much today.

The word delay is used more often. And then for the second occurrence of the word delay in this verse, at the very end of the verse we're going to add in parentheses, we're going to add the word forever.

We'll add the word forever at the very end, we'll put it in italics, we'll put it in parentheses, it's not part of the original scriptures, but it helps people to understand what it means so that it makes sense and so that it won't be contradictory.

So it's going to read like this. For the vision is yet for a time, and it shall shoot forth at the end and not in vain, though that he shall delay, wait for him, for he will surely come and will not delay forever.

That's what it's really trying to say. That's the way to understand it. God is delaying His coming, but we can't give up. He won't delay forever.

He will eventually come. And with Him, His promises. One of these days we won't have to deal with these ugly bodies, the fat, the heart disease, the cancer, the HIV, the schizophrenia, the poor circulation problems, the high blood pressure problems, the diabetes, the brain injury, the autism.

One of these days we will be delivered from this corruption. We can't give up. If we give up, it would be worse for us than if we had even started. Amen?

The Bible very clearly teaches that. If we give up, it's going to be worse for us than what it would have been if we hadn't even started this. Amen?

But if you think that you can wait for God's promises while you stay in Babylon, you're deceiving yourself.

Abraham had to leave his country. Abraham had to leave his daddy and his mommy and his homeland.

We are told to leave Babylon. Jesus said wait in Jerusalem for the promise. He didn't say wait in Babylon for the promise. It's a difference.

If you're going to wait in Babylon to receive what God has promised, you're waiting for destruction.

You're cursing yourself. I really don't curse anyone. They curse themselves and then I pronounce it. Amen?

That's the reality. They curse themselves. Amen? Lot, Abraham's nephew named Lot, he had to leave Sodom and Gomorrah. Amen?

A lot of people don't want to leave Sodom and Gomorrah because of the money.

And yet their apartment rent would be half the price in a different region of the same nation.

People don't use wisdom. We have to leave mommy and daddy's place. We have to leave mommy and daddy's religion. We have to leave mommy and daddy.

We have to grow up and put God first, not dad, not mom. We have to put God first in His righteousness.

We have to leave brothers and sisters and cousins. They are not meant to be first.

God and His church and God's people are to be first in our priorities, in our lives, not physical family.

I have a new song.

This new song is called Waiting on the Promises.

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