

Coming to God When You Are Ready

"Even as He called and they would not listen, 'So,' said the LORD of Hosts, 'let them call and I will not listen.'" Zechariah 7:13

In talking with men about the things of Christ, I hear them say things like, "I am not ready to accept Christ as my Savior; someday, when I am ready, I will receive Him." There seems to exist a prevalent attitude that people can come to God when they are ready. One man said, "I do not want to lose control of my life right now. Just before I die I will surrender myself to Christ."

People deceive themselves in thinking that God will permit such a thing. Nothing in the whole of Scripture hints that a person can do this. Like a suitor offering his hand in marriage to a maiden, God will pursue you just so long, after which He will turn His attention elsewhere. God warns, "And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man...¹ He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his heart, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy."²

No one knows when God stops offering Himself to a person. When God stands at the door and knocks, it is best not to leave Him standing outside your heart.³

Whether you need to apply this to yourself, or you need to warn those who embrace such thinking, self-deception in this matter is a path to utter and complete ruin.

¹ Genesis 6:3 ² Proverbs 29:1 ³ Cf. Revelation 3:20