

Biblical Evangelism Warns of the Danger of Delay

Introduction: One moment's delay may usher in an eternity of regret. Delay poses so serious a threat to us that Christ offers a parable.

- I) The danger of delay is being foolish -*Matt. 25:3*.
 - A) The delay is to be foolish because of a failure to see your personal need -*John 3:56*.
 - B) The delay is to be foolish because of a failure to exercise any forethought.

- II) The danger of delay is the danger of being wasteful -*Matthew 25:5*.
 - A) To delay is to waste time.
 - B) To delay is to waste life itself.
 - C) To delay is to waste influence.

- III) The danger of delay is the danger of being unprepared -*Matthew 25:8*.
 - A) Because of misplaced trust in an uncertain future, you may be caught unprepared.
 - B) Because of misplaced trust in the merits of others, you may be caught unprepared -*Matthew 25:8*.
 - C) Because of misplaced trust in your own merits, you may be caught unprepared -*Matt. 7:22-23*.

- IV) The danger of delay is the danger of being rejected -*Matthew 25:10-12*.
 - A) To delay is to be rejected because of the terminative nature of Christ's coming.
 - B) To delay is to be rejected because of a failure to know God -*Matthew 7:21*.
 - C) To delay is to be rejected because of the imminence of Christ's return.

Conclusion:

Almost persuaded, Harvest is past!

Almost persuaded, Doom comes at last!

Almost cannot avail, Almost is but to fail!

Sad, sad, that bitter soul, Almost, but lost!

-Philip P. Bliss