

Message Title: Why Jesus Told Us All to Keep Watching

Theme: This message looks at Jesus' hidden motive for admonishing all believers to watch continually for His return. He is looking for something.

There are several things covered in this lesson as you can see by clicking the PDF Text button and read the list of Salient Points. However the main point is about what real difference it can possibly make whether we are watching for Jesus to come back or not. It has been nearly 2000 years since Jesus ascended leaving us with the promise of His return and many have lived and died with their hopes and expectations unfulfilled. The question may easily be asked, what difference could it possibly make to them now. And yet it actually does, Jesus is looking for a quality in His children that separates those who are watching from those who have been distracted. A serious hint is in what God looked for in the book of Judges, Chapter 7: 4-7.

Salient Points: When God gets our attention, Quality time, Appreciation adds love, God blesses the unjust, The miracle of rain, Forget not all His benefits, The churches narrow focus of God, The curse of the cross, Focusing on what we want and how we benefit, Christian grow up, Impressed by creation, Thinking out of the self box, Impressed by what God has done and is doing, Our very impressive Creator, When God says do it, Choose to consider God, Going to God just to get something, Broaden your awareness, Consider the unseen, Endearment or relief, Why should we keep watching, Looking for those who are staying alert.

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The speaker would like you to know that all of these messages are in the chronological progression that God revealed them, and even though many may

stand alone, they progress through several subjects that build on the previous lessons. This series of messages titled "Our Timeless Creator" (OTC), shift the focus from salvation and service, to understanding God. How He who needs nothing, benefits from creating the human race. It started in 2007 when God brought me to Psalm 50:15 three times following the miraculous healing of my dying wife. It reads, *"And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me"*. Following this I prayed fervently. "LORD, show me how to glorify you and I will do the best I can".

The speaker had become a new creature, (2 Corinthians 5:17) on May 20 1973. At that moment the reality of GOD's existence and the direct connection to the Bible became miraculously clear. Overwhelmed with excitement he began telling everyone who had a few moments to listen, what he had found, like a man who had found a cure for a terminal illness, which everyone had. His excitement and enthusiasm continued for well over a year, even when many said, "you'll get over it." Slowly his efforts began to focus on responsibility and all the how-tos of service. As the excitement faded it was replaced with frustration. He had said many times "the most frustrating thing in life is, knowing what GOD could do and watch him not do it". In 2005 GOD began a work as described in Job 5:17-18, that changed everything. He says," it was much like when I first became a child of God all over again".