UNDERSTAND GOD’S WISDOM IN ELEVATING YOU IN LIFE

There is a divine wisdom that God employs whenever He intends to move us from one stage of life to another. This wisdom reflects not only His omniscience but also His love and providential care for our spiritual and practical well-being.

By nature, humans desire immediate answers to prayers. We often expect God to respond instantly when we call upon Him. Yet Scripture teaches that God’s timing is perfect, even if it seems delayed from our perspective:

> *Habakkuk 2:3, NKJV*
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> *“For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.”*

God’s delays are not denials. Sometimes, what we ask for immediately may not be suitable for us at that moment. The delay is a form of divine preparation—both for our character and for the circumstances surrounding our blessing.

Illustration: A Child and a Car

Consider a six-year-old child who cannot yet read, writing, or understand basic numbers, asking his wealthy father for a car. The father could give it immediately, but doing so would bring disaster rather than blessing. The child would lack the knowledge, skill, and maturity to drive safely.

The father, in his wisdom, will first guide the child through learning and growth:

1. Education: Learning to read, write, and count.

2. Driver training: Understanding the rules of the road and gaining practical experience.

3. Licensing: Only after passing these stages will the child receive the car.

This process might take years, yet the original request is eventually granted at the right time. Similarly, God often answers our prayers in stages, preparing us spiritually, emotionally, and mentally to handle the blessing without harm.

Biblical Example: Israel Entering the Promised Land

When the Israelites left Egypt and entered Canaan, God did not drive out all the Canaanites at once. It took several years.

> *Exodus 23:27–30 (NKJV) explains:*
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> *“I will send My terror before you, and will throw into confusion all the people to whom you come; I will make all your enemies turn their backs to you.*
> *I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before you.*
> *I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the*

> *land become desolate and the wild beasts multiply against you.*
> *Little by little I will drive them out before you, until you have increased, and inherit the land.”*

God delayed to protect Israel from unnecessary harm. If they had entered the land immediately, its wilderness areas would have been overrun by wild animals, serpents, and other dangers (Exodus 23:29). The enemies’ temporary presence allowed the land to remain balanced and gave Israel time to grow strong enough to inherit it fully.

Theological insight: God’s delay is purposeful. It teaches patience, faith, and reliance on His guidance. As

> *Proverbs 3:5–6 (NKJV) says:*
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> *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”*

Application to Personal Life

1. Marriage: If you are a young man or woman praying for a life partner, a delay may indicate that God is preparing you spiritually, emotionally, and morally for a healthy marriage. 1 Corinthians 7:36–38 (NKJV) emphasizes the importance of readiness and responsibility in relationships.

2. Wealth and Provision: If you pray for financial blessings, God may first teach stewardship, humility, and integrity (Luke 16:10–12, NKJV). Receiving blessings too early, without preparation, can bring pride, temptation, or misuse of resources.

3. Other prayers: Every prayer has a season. Some are answered immediately, while others unfold gradually. The apostle Paul reminds us:

> *Romans 8:28, NKJV*

> *“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”*

Patience and Faith in Waiting

God’s wisdom teaches us patience and endurance. We must trust His timing and His methods, even when answers are delayed.

> *Galatians 6:9 (NKJV) encourages us:*
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> *“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”*

Delays are often part of God’s preparation process—strengthening our character, faith, and understanding. When the time comes, blessings will not only arrive but will also be sustainable and spiritually edifying.

> *Jeremiah 17:7, NKJV*
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> *“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD.”*

Do not be discouraged if your prayers are not answered instantly. God’s delays are intentional, purposeful, and filled with wisdom. Trust His timing, remain faithful, and grow in character while waiting. He will lift you up in life at the right time, in ways that honor Him and safeguard your well-being.

May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and strengthen your patience as you wait on His perfect timing. Amen.

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