

But He Lingered

Deuteronomy 19:15-18

2 Corinthians 6:2 - "For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation."

Are you a procrastinator? Perhaps you've seen the bumper stickers "Procrastinate later," "It's Never too Late to Procrastinate," "Work is punishment for Failing to Procrastinate Effectively." They're supposed to be funny, of course. But have you ever thought of procrastination as a tool of Satan?

The two angels told Lot in no uncertain terms that Sodom and Gomorah would be obliterated and that he should flee with his family. "But he lingered," the Bible says of Lot. Lot was saved only because the angels boldly dragged him to safety. When Felix heard Paul speak of righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix told him to come back later (Acts 24). Even Pharaoh, asked by Moses when he should remove the frogs, said, "Tomorrow."

Perhaps procrastination is not just an amusing bad habit but is really one of Satan's most powerful tools. Satan does not have to persuade us to reject God outright. He only has to convince us to put off a decision. Satan is there, whispering in our ear, "Wait . . . Wait until tomorrow. There is plenty of time." But God reminds us not to linger, not to wait. Today is the day of salvation.

God's Plan for Man's Salvation