

*"Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." James 5:7-8 KJV*



Farmers know rain is key to good harvests, and they wait for it patiently. Spring rains nourish the just planted seed, and late summer rains increase the harvest's yield. Farmers know the "latter rain" is coming and wait for it patiently. The Lord waits patiently for the last souls who will come to Him in faith and when He returns, it will be glorious. *"Everything is beautiful in HIS time!"* God will not be one second late! Be ready to depart as the Last Trump heralds His return! *"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the Last Trump: For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the Trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord!"* Oh, the thought of no more daily grind and stress! We will forever leave behind the pain and sorrow of earthly life! No more struggles against wickedness and sin! *"God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain."* Night will forever vanish into the eternal Light of our LORD Jesus Christ! *"And the city [has] no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God [doth] lighten it and the Lamb is the Light thereof. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be NO NIGHT THERE."* God's Word tells us what will be as the Day approaches. *"As it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man."* How was Noah's Day? *"EVERY IMAGINATION OF THE THOUGHTS OF [MAN'S] HEART WAS ONLY EVIL CONTINUALLY."* This day and age is the epitome of Vanity Fair from John Bunyan's, "Pilgrims Progress." You can hardly find a righteous thought or deed in the whole world! Noah faithfully obeyed God for 120 years, preaching and building, and when the Flood came, God shut the door! Noah and his family floated safe above the most catastrophic deluge the world has ever known! The increase of evil only hastens the Lord's return! *"So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors."* What God shuts stays shut! *"These things saith He that is Holy, He that is True, He that hath the Key of David, He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth."* Heaven's door is, now open, but not for much longer!

One morning bright and fair, a trumpet sounding clear,  
Will call the saints of earth to rise to meet Him in the air!  
We'll say no fond goodbyes! There'll be no earthly ties!  
We'll have no need to stay, on that bright Day! ~CGP

It won't be much longer. Remain steadfast and faithful, dear Believer. We labor in the night, but the Son is rising, and Father will soon call us up to His House for breakfast in the Morning! What a Day it will be! When all are in, Heaven's door shuts forever! Will you be in or out in the Day of the LORD?

*"The Lord is not slack concerning His Promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all (He foreknew Rm. 8:29) should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9 KJV*