

GOD'S TIMETABLE, NOT OURS

A country newspaper had been running a series of articles on the value of church attendance.

One day, a letter to the editor was received in the newspaper office. It read:

Print this if you dare. I have been trying an experiment. I have a field of corn which I plowed on Sunday. I planted it on Sunday. I did all the cultivating on Sunday. I gathered the harvest on Sunday and hauled it to my barn on Sunday.

I find that my harvest this October is just as great as any of my neighbors' who went to church on Sunday. So where was God all this time?

The editor printed the letter, but added his reply at the bottom: "Your mistake was in thinking that God always settles His accounts in October."



That is often our mistake as well, isn't it – thinking that God should act when and how we want Him to act, according to our timetable rather than His?

The fact that our vision is limited, infinite, unable to see the end from the beginning, somehow escapes our mind. So, we complain; we get frustrated; we accuse God of being indifferent to us. We do not live by faith.

King David had to learn this lesson, and he wrote this advice:

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices (Psalm 37:7 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter