

**Devotional Thoughts :: Waiting first to see the unfolding of His plans****Waiting first to see the unfolding of His plans - posted by followthelamb, on: 2018/7/11 8:21**

It came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land (1 Kings 17:7).

"Week after week, with unfaltering and steadfast spirit, Elijah watched that dwindling brook; often tempted to stagger through unbelief, but refusing to allow his circumstances to come between himself and God. Unbelief sees God through circumstances, as we sometimes see the sun shorn of his rays through smoky air; but faith puts God between itself and circumstances, and looks at them through Him.

And so the dwindling brook became a silver thread; and the silver thread stood presently in pools at the foot of the largest boulders; and the pools shrank. The birds fled; the wild creatures of field and forest came no more to drink; the brook was dry. Only then to his patient and unwavering spirit, "the word of the Lord came, saying, Arise, get thee to Zarephath."

Most of us would have gotten anxious and worn with planning long before that. We should have ceased our songs as soon as the streamlet caroled less musically over its rocky bed; and with harps swinging on the willows, we should have paced to and fro upon the withering grass, lost in pensive thought. And probably, long ere the brook was dry, we should have devised some plan, and asking God's blessing on it, would have started off elsewhere.

God often does extricate us, because His mercy endureth forever; but if we had only waited first to see the unfolding of His plans, we should never have found ourselves landed in such an inextricable labyrinth; and we should never have been compelled to retrace our steps with so many tears of shame.

Wait, patiently wait!"

- F. B. Meyer

**Re: Waiting first to see the unfolding of His plans - posted by leyoung (), on: 2018/7/11 10:43**

Thank you, dear sister. Brought tears to my eyes.  
Perfect timing for me and probably many others. A beautifully written piece by Meyer.  
Sis L

**Re: - posted by TrueWitness, on: 2018/7/11 11:39**

I heard a good quote by Jeff Schreve of From His Heart Ministries. He asked: Are you looking at God through the lens of your difficult circumstances or are you looking at your difficult circumstances through the lens of your God?

-Daniel

**Re: - posted by leyoung (), on: 2018/7/11 12:45**

Good quote, Daniel, kind of a Leonard Ravenhill play on words that makes a biblical idea easy to remember. :-)  
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