

Preaching Dates

23 February 2019

Charles Sommerville (2pm and 3.30pm) at Prophetic Witness Movement International, Dykehead Mission, Shotts, Lanarkshire

24 February 2019

David Andrew (am) at Tillicoultry EU Congregational, Clackmannanshire

Hazel Brooks (am) at Uddingston Baptist Church

Stephen Ilett (am) at Alness Baptist Church, Ross-shire

Aubrey Jamieson (am) at Skerries Parish Church, Shetland Islands

Jackie Macdonald (am) at St Andrews Episcopal Church, Alford, Aberdeenshire

Alistair Mackay (am) at Dumfries Baptist Church

John Perkins (am) at Alexandria Baptist Church, Vale of Leven

Charles Sommerville (am) at Cumbernauld Baptist Church

George Sprott (am) at Kelso Baptist Church

Andrew Swanson (am) at Campbeltown Community Church

George Thomson (am) at Linwood Baptist Church

Charles Sommerville (pm) at Shettleton Baptist Church

Paul Cairns (am + pm) at Islay Baptist Church, Bowmore

Gordon Dickey (am + pm) at Wooler Evangelical Church, Northumberland

26 February 2019

Charles Sommerville, Revelation Revealed Part 4 at Maryhill Evangelical Church, Glasgow.

27 February 2019

Charles Sommerville (pm) at Dykehead Mission. Shotts. Lanarkshire



“God Is Never In A Hurry”

By Bill Duffy

“My Christian brothers, you should be happy when you have all kinds of tests. You know these prove your faith. It helps you not to give up. Learn well how to wait so you will be strong and complete and in need of nothing.” (James 1:2-4 NLT).

As Christians we need to learn to be patient, both with God and with ourselves. Quite often we get frustrated by the fact that God’s timetable is not the same as ours. We are quite often in a hurry when God isn’t. We may feel frustrated with the seemingly slow progress we are making in our Christian lives. But we should remember that God is never in a hurry. Although it may seem like it, God is never late, never early but always on time. He will use our entire lifetime to prepare us for our role in eternity.

I remember as a child being on a long journey and constantly asking, “Are we there yet?” instead of enjoying the journey. Now that I am older and wiser, I have learnt to enjoy long journeys more, especially travelling through the Scottish Borders and the Lake District. Here, there are hills, mountains and tall trees. These did not appear overnight. God took tens or even hundreds of years to grow the trees. He took thousands of years to form the mountains and hills. It is often said that it takes 3-4 days for a mushroom to grow but it can take 80 years for an oak tree to be fully grown (average life expectancy for most oaks is between 200 and 400 years). So, as Christians we must ask ourselves “What do I want to be?”. Do I want to be a mushroom or an oak. Do I want to be shallow in my roots and only last for a short time, or do I want to be an oak, standing tall and strong and deeply rooted in Christ Jesus. To be an oak we must be patient both with ourselves and with God.

Allow Him to work in His own time and trust that we will accomplish all He has set for us. So, do not get discouraged. Habakkuk became depressed because he didn’t think God was acting quickly enough. God had this to say: *“These things I plan won’t happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!” (Habakkuk 2:3 TLB).*

I remember a song from the 1980s with the title ‘Be patient, God’s not finished with me yet’. God isn’t finished with you, either, so keep on moving forward. Even the snail reached the ark by persevering!