



Why Does God Delay?



None of us likes to wait. We live in a world of instant messages, instant purchases, and instant answers. We want quick solutions, quick healing, and quick blessings. Waiting feels like wasted time. But God's timetable is different, and He is not in a hurry!

Throughout Scripture some of God's greatest works came only after a season of waiting. God's delays are never accidental; they are purposeful. He often delays His answer—not because He has forgotten us, but because He is preparing something greater than we can presently see.

Consider Joseph. After interpreting the cupbearer's dream, he asked for just one favor: "Please remember me." But Genesis 40:23 captures the heartbreak in one sentence: "Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him." Then came two long years of silence.

Imagine if the cupbearer had remembered Joseph immediately. He might have gone to Pharaoh and said, "Your Majesty, there is a young Hebrew in prison who can interpret dreams." Pharaoh could have ordered Joseph's release, declared him innocent, and sent him home.

The right man was ready, but the right moment was not. That would have been a wonderful answer to prayer, but it would not have fulfilled God's plan. Joseph's destiny was not to go home—it was to go to the palace.

Two years earlier Pharaoh didn't have a troubling dream. There was no national crisis. There was no reason to call for Joseph. The right man was ready, but the right moment was not.

Then Pharaoh dreamed. Suddenly the forgotten prisoner became the only man who had the answer. In a single day Joseph went from the prison to the palace and became ruler over Egypt.

Had God answered Joseph's prayer immediately, Joseph might have gained his freedom. By waiting, God gave him a throne.

Sometimes what feels like a delay is actually divine preparation. The same pattern appears in the story of Lazarus.

When Mary and Martha sent word that their brother was sick, they expected Jesus to come immediately. Instead, Jesus waited. Had He come immediately, He would have healed Lazarus—a wonderful miracle

indeed. During His earthly ministry Jesus performed many miracles of healing. But Jesus had something greater in mind.

He delayed so that He could reveal not merely His power over disease, but His authority over death itself. Instead of healing a sick man, He raised a dead man. God's timetable is different, and He is not in a hurry. Had Jesus come sooner, Lazarus would have experienced healing. By waiting, he experienced resurrection.

Why does God delay? Isaiah gives us the answer. The Hebrew word for "wait" is qavah, and its rich imagery is worth pausing to consider. It means "to bind together," or "to intertwine," like strands woven together to form a strong rope. Waiting is not passive. Waiting is where the weaving happens. While you wait, God is weaving your weakness with His strength, your plans with His purpose, and your timing with His perfect will.

So if you are waiting today, don't assume God has forgotten you. He is weaving. He is preparing. He is strengthening. And remember: God's delays are not God's denials. When God delays, He is preparing a greater display. Just ask Joseph. Just ask Lazarus.

Article by Hensley Mooroooven, Undersecretary, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice Of The Seventh Quadrennial Session Of The South Bahamas Conference Of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the Seventh Quadrennial Session of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church, #134 Tonique Williams-Darling Highway, Nassau, New Providence, The Bahamas, on Saturday, November 7, 2026, beginning at 4:00 p.m. through Monday, November 9, 2026. On November 8-9, 2026, the session will begin at 9:00 a.m. Registration will commence at the conference headquarters on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. and continue until Friday, November 6, 2026, at 12:00 noon.

This session is called to:

1. Receive reports from the officers, departmental directors, and the external auditor.
2. Elect officers, departmental directors, and executive committee members for the next quadrennium.
3. Consider and vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.
4. Transact such other business as shall be properly brought to the meeting.

All duly appointed delegates are invited to be present at this conference session.

By order, Pastor Leonardo D. K. Rahming, Executive Secretary

CONFERENCE PRAYER JOURNEY

All members are invited to unite in prayer for the South Bahamas Conference Prayer Journey themed "Commissioned For Mission." This spiritual journey which began October 18 is held every morning from 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. and will conclude November 8, 2026. Join us as we seek God's direction in preparation for the 7th Quadrennial Session.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER

- 1 Conference-wide Pathfinder Exhibition Day
- 7 CHAM Leadership Training
- 7 Community Literature Distribution (All Churches)
- 7-14 Week of Prayer
- 8-9 South Bahamas Conference Session
- 10 Executive Committee Meeting
- 14 World Diabetes Day Community Initiative
- 14-20 E-Week of Prayer
- 15 Church Music Coordinators' Meeting
- 19 School Board Meeting
- 19 International Men's Day
- 21 CHAM Day (a.m.)
- 21 CHAM Agape Fest (p.m.)
- 22 Business Expo.
- 28 Youth in Service Sabbath (local)
- 26-28 Bible Conference



PUSH ATCU INITIATIVE 2026

- Nov 1-7 South Bahamas Conference Session
- 8-14 IAD Annual Council
- 15-21 ATCU Year-end Meetings
- 22028 Overcoming the World
- 29-Dec. 5 Turks and Caicos Islands Conference



BIBLE CLASS

Bible Class will be held Monday, November 2, 2026, at 7p.m. online on ZOOM and YouTube. **TOPIC: "From Brokenness to New Creation".** For further information, contact Pastor Lynden Williams at llwilliams@sbcadventist.org.bs



MONTHLY MEETING BURIAL SOCIETY

The S.D.A. Burial society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 2nd, 2026, at 6:30 pm at the Grant's Town Church Annex. We've had six (6) deaths for 2024, two (2) for 2025 and seven (7) to date in 2026. Members are encouraged

-Elder R. Henry Moncur



Bahamas Academy is a Sunday test center for the SAT examination. The next sitting of the SAT examination will take place on December 6, 2026. The deadline to register is November 20, 2026. If you are interested in sitting the SAT examination, please contact Mrs. T. Dixon at tdixon@bahamasacademy.org or Mr. Dane Calvin at dcalvin@bahamasacademy.org.



You don't want to miss this!



Have a Happy Sabbath