

## Seriously?

2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promises, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

I visited a family a few days ago. When I entered the house, I was greeted by the family cat. Actually, I was threatened by their cat with hisses, teeth bared and ears pinned back, ready to pounce on my first wrong move.

For most of us a kitty cat isn't threatening, with my allergies it's a bit more threatening, but nothing that would keep me from not going where I want or doing what I want. Of course if I can avoid cats, without going out of my way, I will.

I wonder how many times do we treat God's threats in the same way. Of course we will keep God happy, if we can, if we don't have to go out of our way. When's the last time that you broke a command of God and you were punished on the spot? Our sinful nature sees that and brushes aside God's threats as if they were the hisses and snarls of a kitty cat. God's threats don't keep us from doing what we want.

The truth is that God delays punishment and blessings for the same reason. He wants all men to come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved. God does and will answer our prayers, keep his promises and carry out his threats. Give him the proper respect he deserves as our Maker and Savior. Believe His promise of punishment and his promise of salvation.