

## YE HAVE NEED OF PATIENCE

Text: Heb 10:36 (KJV), For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

INTRO: The Hebrew writer tells us we need patience to obtain the promised reward of the faithful.

### I. THERE ARE TWO WORDS USED FREQUENTLY IN THE N.T. THAT BELONG IN A STUDY OF PATIENCE.

#### A. HUPOMONE--usually translated patience.

##### 1. Active--patient continuance.

[God will give eternal life] to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory & honor & immortality (Rom. 2:7).

That on the good ground are they, which in an honest & good heart, having heard the word, keep it, & bring forth fruit with patience. (Luke 8:15).

Let us lay aside every weight & the sin which doth so easily beset us, & let us run with patience the race that is set before us...(Heb. 12:1).

##### 2. Passive--patient endurance.

Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer. (Rom. 12:12).

For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? But if, when ye do well & suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God (1 Pet 2:20).

#### B. MAKROTHUMEO--usually translated longsuffering.

1. Vine: "Longsuffering is that quality of self restraint which does not hastily retaliate or promptly punish; it is the opposite of anger & is associated with mercy..."

2. Patience [the other word] is the quality that does not

surrender to circumstances or succumb under trial; it is the opposite of despondency & is associated with hope..." It is translated patience in 1 Thess 5:14 (be patient with all) and in James 5:7-8. Literally, it is the opposite of being short tempered.

- C. Neither word suggests we have to like or pretend to like all the things we must endure. Neither word indicates that we should not try to change the things we don't like--just that we must learn to endure them without sinning. Job was bewildered, disappointed & very vocal about it, but was cited in the Scripture as a prime example of patience because with all his problems, "Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly" (Job 1:22).  
See James 5:11.

## II. AREAS IN WHICH WE NEED PATIENCE.

- A. We need to be patient with ourselves. Growth takes time.  
1 Pet. 2:2; Heb. 5:12; Luke 21:19 (by p. possess soul)
- B. We need to learn to be patient with our families.
1. Husbands/wives will not live up to your ideal nor to their own. Nor you to theirs.
  2. Children will not behave as adults, 1 Cor 13:11.
  3. Older folks, slow, forgetful, aches & pains, etc.
  4. Brethren in God's spiritual family.
- C. We need to be patient in regard to soul-winning & church growth.
1. Farmer--James 5:7. He doesn't plant corn this morn & expect to gather roasin' ears for supper.
  2. Mushrooms spring up overnight but are extremely fragile & don't last very long.
  3. The gospel spread more rapidly when there were fewer counterfeits.

4. Keep planting & watering, 1 Cor. 3:6.

D. We need to be patient thru trials & troubles.

Heb 10:36-39, For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: "For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come & will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

E. We need to develop patience in prayer.

1. Nehemiah's prayer did not begin to be answered till 3 months had elapsed, Neh. 1:1-4; 2:1-6.

2. Daniel's prayer did not begin to be answered until at least 5 years, Dan. 9:1-4; 10:1, 12.

3. Who knows how long Hannah prayed for a son?

### III. HOW MAY WE ACQUIRE PATIENCE?

A. It is largely dependent on faith. Heb. 11; Rom. 10:17.  
Rom 15:4, For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience & comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

B. In answer to prayer.

Col 1:9-11, For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, & to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom & spiritual understanding; that you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work & increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;

C. Thru exercising the faith & patience we already possess.

Rom 5:3-4, And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; & perseverance, character; & character, hope.

James 1:2-4, My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

CONCLUSION: James 5:7-11, Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord--that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

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