

Lecture No. 45

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. **The Patient** .

No. 1.) In taking a look at patience, we want to see some key points God wants to remind us of. Like our last lecture on humility, you already know some truths connected with patience.

Our first text is from Daniel 12:10 “Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried.” Now, following the instruction from Isaiah 28, that of comparing spiritual things with spiritual, we go to our next text, found in James 1:3 “Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.”

After conversion to the Advent faith, you have been purified, made white, and now you must be tried. This marks God’s appointed way, the outworking of which is a necessary part of God’s plan to remove you from this planet of sin, into the glories of Heaven. So onward we tread this strait and narrow path.

No. 2.) Testimony No.16, p.91-104, speaks much about the waiting watching time; which as you well know, means patience. After years of observation and, now having the authentic Spirit of Prophecy in mind, I review the many experiences and stories of others about those who have given up the faith, and am throughly convinced that this time of peace is exactly what is needed to try the faith, prove the worthy, leave the

stubble behind. Years of persecution, past and present, abundantly prove that the most dangerous evil to destroy the Advent faith is peaceful prosperity. It is a gentle tug in the wrong direction that is harder to resist, than the violent opposition.

No. 3.) Certainly the authentic Spirit of Prophecy is not silent upon this subject. Here are two passages that speak to the point. “We are too quickly discouraged, and earnestly cry for the trial to be removed from us; when we should plead for patience to endure, and grace to overcome. **p. 98, Para. 2, [8OT]**. Search, study, and pray; face every difficulty manfully and vigorously; call the power of will and the grace of patience to your aid, and then dig more earnestly till the gem of truth lies before you, plain and beautiful, all the more precious because of the difficulties involved in finding it. **p. 44, Para. 1, [29OT]**.

No. 4.) I was quite attracted by the definition of the 1828 Webster dictionary on this word. PATIENT, a. pa'shent. [L. patiens.] **1.** Having the quality of enduring evils without murmuring or fretfulness; sustaining afflictions of body or mind with fortitude, calmness or christian submission to the divine will; as a patient person, or a person of patient temper. It is followed by of before the evil endured; as patient of labor or pain; patient of heat or cold. **2.** Not easily provoked; calm under the sufferance of injuries or offenses; not revengeful. Be patient towards all men. 1 Thess.5. **3.** Persevering; constant in pursuit or exertion; calmly diligent. Whatever I have done is due to patient thought. **4.** Not hasty;

not over eager or impetuous; waiting or expecting with calmness or without discontent. Not patient to expect the turns of fate. p. 31, Para. 172, [13DICT].

No. 5.) The great Christian hope is resurrection to eternal life at the second coming of Christ. This requires patience. The grace of patience is very important and necessary to our eternal life, therefore, God has much to say about it.

No. 6.) **Luke 21:19** In your patience possess ye your souls. **Romans 2:7** To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: **Romans 8:25** But if we hope for that we see not [the second coming] then do we with patience wait for it. **Romans 12:12** Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; **Romans 15:4** For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. **1 Thessalonians 1:3** Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; **2 Thessalonians 3:5** And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. **Hebrews 10:36** For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. **Hebrews 12:1-2** Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run

with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; **James 5:7-8** Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. (8) Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. **Revelation 13:10** Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. **Revelation 14:12** Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

No. 7.) Notice how the god of this world would have everyone in a hurried, frenzied, state, too crippled by this pressure to seek the truth, know the truth, and secure their own salvation. Truly the way is strait, even extremely dangerous, to our spiritual health; made so by this time of prosperity and peace.

And that is...

~ **The End** ~

of our Presentation for Today,

God Bless your Study

