

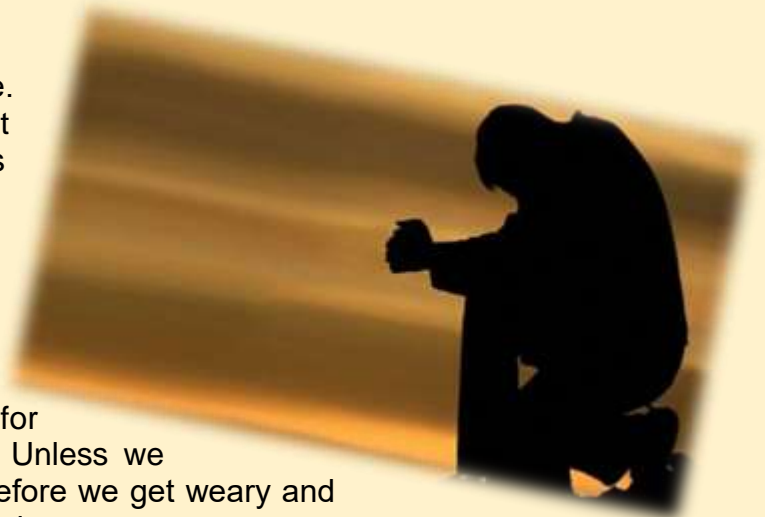
# Though It May Tarry, Wait for it (Part 2)

*"I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd. And the LORD answered me, and said, write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it may tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry" (Habakkuk 2:1-3).*

## Let Patience Have Her Perfect Work in You

Not many people today are willing to patiently go through this process that produces a mature son. We live in an instant world and we want everything done for us instantly but the things of God do not work that way. God is a God of process. He works in us both to will and to do of his good pleasure (Phil. 2:13). They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31). Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him... those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth (Psalm 37:7,9).

We need to learn to wait for God's time. We need to learn to be patient and wait for God to work out his purpose and his counsel in our lives. We must allow the ministry of the tutors and the governors to bring us from the place of a child to the place of a son. Our strength, our zeal will be short-lived unless we learn to wait upon the Lord. We will not be able to do exploits for God unless we learn to wait on him. Unless we learn to wait on him it won't be long before we get weary and give up on the vision that the Lord has given us.



"My brethren count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh **patience**. But let **patience** have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (James 1:2-3). Why should we count it a thing of joy when we fall into divers temptations, the trials and temptations are certainly not palatable but God is using them to bring us to maturity, they are the tutors and governors that bring us to maturity. It is because God loves us and has seen the potential in us that is why he is allowing the trials come our way.

The trials are meant to work patience in us. Patience is the powerful indicator of maturity and of a man who is totally crucified with Christ. Let patience be worked out in you, the process may be painful, but let patience have her perfect work in you. In other words, do not struggle with God, yield and surrender to God's will no matter what. Do not allow the process of working out patience in you be aborted or impeded in any way. This is the only way we can become perfect and entire wanting nothing. This process must be worked out in us. It is not instantaneous; it is a process.

“And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulations worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us” (Romans 5:3-5). This is God’s path to spiritual maturity. There is no other path. We must know this, it is tribulation that works patience, and patience working in us brings deep experience in our walk with God. Patience brings strength to our lives, patience takes away fear from our lives, patience helps us to walk in love. It teaches us the ways of God, and brings us into intimacy with God.

Patience ultimately works hope in us, and hope makes us not to be ashamed. It is when we get to the place of patience, when patience is fully worked into us that we begin to possess our souls, we truly overcome all the warfare in our soul realm. It is in our patience that we possess our souls (Luke 21:19). Total victory over sin can only come as God works patience in and through us using the trials and the temptations that we face, using the ministry of the tutors and governors that seek to take away the child in us and to bring us to Sonship and to maturity.

“Therefore thus saith the Lord God, behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, at tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: **he that believeth shall not make haste**” (Isaiah 28:16). God is raising men and women who will be foundation stones in Zion. These are men and women who will provide leadership and direction for the church in these last days. It is the foundation that carries the entire weight and structure of the house. The foundation must be strong, well reinforced, and tested. The foundation must be made of tried stones, stones that have been tested and tried, stones that have passed through fire.

The foundation stones must be precious corner stone, able to carry weight with their shoulders, precious stones, stones that are of great value to God and to the people of God. The foundation must be sure; it must be a sure foundation. They must be men and women who through their experience and the dealings of God in their lives have come to the place of wisdom, wisdom that comes from above. They will not waver in faith and in their walk with God, for he that wavereth is like the wave of the sea driven by the wind and tossed to and fro. They will not be double-minded, because a double-minded man is unstable in all his ways and he cannot go very far with God (James 1:5-8).

The end result of all of this is patience, he that believeth shall not make haste. God is never in haste, there is always an appointed time, God is never late, he is always on time. Mary and Martha thought Jesus was late but He said to them I AM the resurrection and the life, I AM THE I AM; yesterday I AM, today I AM, tomorrow I AM. May God truly work in us, and may he cause that the trying of our faith will work out patience in our lives. May patience have her perfect work in us so that we may be perfect and entire wanting nothing.

Patience is the summation of the fruits of the spirit. There is no law against patience. The result of walking in love is patience. He that is patient, he that is capable of self-control, able to restrain himself and slow to anger is better than the mighty (Proverbs 16:32). More than ever before we need to walk in patience, and this is not automatic. It does not come by the laying on of hands, it cannot be imparted, it comes only by the trying of our faith.

### **Patience is the Key**

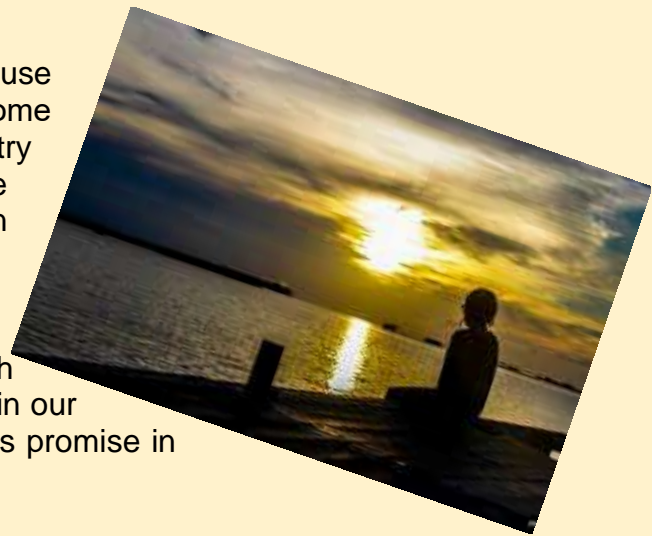
“Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long PATIENCE for it, until he receives the early and later rain.....Behold, we count them happy which endure (have patience). Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy” (James 5:7,11). The most important tool for the husband

is patience. He may have done every other thing right, the land may have been well cultivated and the right seeds may have been planted, without patience he would never get the desired result.

The husbandman must patiently wait for the precious fruit of the earth, he must be prepared to wait for as long as it takes and have long patience for it, he must wait until he receives the early and later rain. "For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for it? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with **patience** wait for it (**Romans 8:24-25**). Ours is a walk of faith, it is a walk of hope, we are saved and preserved daily by hope. If all this is by hope, then we must allow patience to have her perfect work in us.

They that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. We must wait patiently for the Lord, daily looking up to the Lord, the author and the finisher of our faith. "cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward, for ye have need of **patience**, that, after you have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him" (**Hebrew 10:35-37**). The reason why many do not receive their promise even after they have done the will of God is because they lack patience.

Many have missed the plan of God for their lives because they could not wait patiently for God's promise to come to pass in their lives. Instead of waiting for God we try to help him work things out, we try make alternative plans for God. Many times we use our natural human reasoning to explain away the things of God. Instead of us to persevere in prayers and wait for God's promise we become weary and we give up. If any man draw back God will have no pleasure in such a person. But God in his mercies will strengthen us in our inner man, and give us grace to wait patiently for his promise in our lives.



Sometimes it may take a little while, and it may be tiring and painful but he that shall come will come, and he will not tarry. The vision and the promise is always for an appointed time: it may look as if there is some delay, and it is tarrying, but you must wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. It is as we walk in patience that we learn to possess our soul, yield totally to his will, and possess our vessels in honour and sanctification.

### **Stand still and See the Salvation of the Lord**

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand where he appeareth? For he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: **And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver**: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness" (**Malachi 3:1-3**).

The Lord whom we seek shall come suddenly into his temple, and when he comes he will not be in a hurry. He will take his time. He will do a thorough work in his people. He will **sit** as a refiner's fire to refine and purify his people. His refining work in us will be total and comprehensive. God's people must wait patiently on him to allow him do a thorough and deep work in us. We must stand still before the Lord and be quiet in the presence of the Lord so that his purpose will be accomplished in our lives. We must learn to quieten down

and be calm before the Lord our God. We are engaged in too many activities, there are too many loud noises around us. As a people the church has become loud, showy, ostentatious, pretentious, and completely empty. Our meetings, worship sessions, and even our personal lives have become shallow, glib, noisy, superficial, and lacking in depth. As a result, we miss the still small voice of our God in times like these. Loudness does not equate anointing. State of the art equipment does not translate into anointing. They may make us feel good but that is where it ends. We must learn how to stand still before the Lord our God so that we can see his salvation afresh in our lives.

“For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; **In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength:** and ye would not” (**Isaiah 30:15**). God’s children in these last days must repent of their ways and return to God. We must repent of our ‘loud’ ways, ‘loud’ dressings, ‘loud’ activities. While it is true that we must praise God, sing and rejoice in His presence, we must study, learn to be quiet, calm, and focused in our spirit as we approach the presence of Lord our God (**1 Thess. 4:11**). It is in doing this that we shall see a different dimension of God that we have hitherto not seen. “Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: **they will be still praising thee**” (Psalm 84:4) They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. It takes patience to do this.

“Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. (**Psalm 37:7-10**). Let us learn to wait on the Lord for he will renew our strength, we will run and we will not be weary, and we will mount up with wings like the eagle. Davis said “I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they watch for the morning: I say more than they that watch for the morning (**Psalm 130: 5-6**).

“And Moses said unto the people, fear ye not, **stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD**, which he will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever” (**Exodus 14:13**). One of the tools the enemy uses to intimidate God’s people and cause them to run from pillar to post is fear. Many are bound by the spirit of fear, fear of the future, fear of death, fear of what will happen to their children, fear for their health etc. People become anxious as a result of a secret fear they harbor in their hearts. Worry and anxiety go hand in hand. A lot of the illnesses that people suffer today are psychosomatic. Lives are shortened, illnesses are complicated as a result of fear, worry, and anxiety. Job said fear and trembling came upon me, and it made all my bones to shake (**Job 4:14**). Fear has torment, fear ensnares us but whosoever puts his trust in the Lord shall be safe (**Proverbs. 29:25**).

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love” (**1 John 4:18**). Scriptures says further that some men through fear of death have been subjected to bondage all their lifetime (**Hebrew 2:15**). But God is able to deliver us completely from fear “For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind” (**2 Timothy 1:7**). For we have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but we have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father (**Romans 8:15**). Fear is not of God only let us have faith in God and wait on him for he will never let us down or forsake us.

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