



## Three Reasons to Persevere Pt 2a\_ Our Need for Patience and Endurance!

*The Book of Hebrews 10:32-39 (Today: Verses 36-37)*

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### **Holy Text: Hebrews 10:32-39 (emphasis on verse 36-37)**

- Again, from William MacDonald's excellent summary of the last few verses of Hebrews 10:

In the remaining verses of chapter 10, the writer gives three strong reasons why the early Jewish Christians should continue steadfastly in their allegiance to Christ.

1. Their former experiences should stimulate them.
2. The nearness of the reward should strengthen them.
3. The fear of God's displeasure should deter them from going back.

- Today, we are still working on #2, that the nearness of the reward should give us renewed strength! Last week's Text:

*Hebrews 10:35 (KJV) Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.*

- In fact, here might be a good declaration for us from last week:

*LORD, we will not cast away our confidence! We will not lose our zeal in administering things of God and speaking freely of Thy goodness and grace! We will not allow the culture's criticism and the cultural shame to cause a backsliding. We will instead, without "ambiguity or circumlocution," declare and obey Thy Word! Thank You LORD for the great recompense of reward that is in Thee alone!*

### **Breaking down Today's Verses**

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

*Hebrews 10:36 (NLT) Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.*

### **We have a Need: Patience/Endurance!**

1. First, please note that the author calls our subject today a "need." (*Chreia* in Greek)
2. We have a need, I believe a great need, for *patience* or as we'll see, *endurance*.
3. We have a great necessity for it. It is therefore required in the people of God. When it is deficient or absent, we are worse off.
4. And this makes sense. Life can be very hard. Evil abounds. Sickness is almost a guarantee in this life. Losses accumulate over time. Disappointments are common. Failures are ubiquitous. Death comes for us all.

*Ecclesiastes 12:6-7 (NLT) Yes, remember your Creator now while you are young, before the silver cord of life snaps and the golden bowl is broken. Don't wait until the water jar is smashed at the spring and the pulley is broken at the well. 7 For then the dust will return to the earth, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.*

**Hebrews 9:27 (KJV)** *And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:*

5. We don't mean to sound pessimistic or downcast; these are just realities...life truths in a fallen world...

**Romans 5:12 (KJV)** *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

**Romans 8:22 (KJV)** *For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.*

**John 16:33 (KJV)** *These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

6. How great then is our need to hold fast (Heb 4:14) to Christ and His Gospel...to the truth that He lived (Heb 7:16) that we might live and conquered death on our behalf! (Heb 2:9) That He is our great and merciful High Priest (Heb 2:17) who "ever liveth to make intercession" for us and through whom we "come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (Heb 4:16)
7. Beloved, we truly have a **GREAT NEED** to be able to patiently endure in this life! Indeed, Paul's Spirit-inspired writings encourages us all through Timothy:

**2 Timothy 2:3 (KJV)** *Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.*

**2 Timothy 4:1-5 (KJV)** *I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; **2** Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. **3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; **4** And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. **5** But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.*

### **Patience/Endurance Defined**

Our word for patience in the KJV (endurance in the LSB, NLT, and ESV) is *hupomonē*. It carries the idea of constancy and continuance. (Strong's) Thayer's Dictionary uses terms like "steadfastness," "sustaining," and "perseverance." Not only is this one of Hebrew's key themes, it is also a constant command in Scripture:

*Some of What Scripture says about Patience/Endurance*

**Psalms 27:14 (KJV)** *Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.*

**Psalms 37:7-9 (KJV)** *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. **8** Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to*

do evil. **9** For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

**Matthew 10:22 (KJV)** *And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.*

**Romans 8:24-25 (KJV)** *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? **25** But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.*

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (KJV)** *Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, **5** Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; **6** Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; **7** Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.*

**Galatians 6:9 (KJV)** *And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*

**Colossians 1:10-12 (KJV)** *That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; **11** Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; **12** Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:*

**2 Thessalonians 3:3-5 (KJV)** *But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil. **4** And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you. **5** And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.*

**James 5:8 (KJV)** *Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.*

**1 Peter 4:1-2 (KJV)** *Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; **2** That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.*

**Revelation 2:3 (KJV)** *And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.*

### **More on Patience/Endurance: Some Pastoral Exhortations**

1. Based on biblical principle, we believe we can and should apply the author's exhortation to all areas of Kingdom life. Indeed, preaching and living out all that is good and godly WILL require endurance!
2. Why? Because the Word of God is at odds with the world system, our own flesh, and this world's prince, the devil. (John 16:11; Eph 2:2)
3. As a result, pursuing holiness and godliness will not be easy. It won't always feel good. Such may clash with the opinions of family and friends. People might look differently upon you.

4. Beloved, patience/endurance WILL be needed...

- As you hold to the centrality and uniqueness of Christ, a main theme in Hebrews
- As you trust in the inspiration, inerrancy, infallibility, sufficiency, and perspicuity of Scripture
- As you develop a biblical worldview on controversial topics (like politics and government, same-sex and trans issues, babies and life, marxism, race, etc.)
- As you hold to biblical manhood and womanhood
- As you attempt to reform your home according to the Bible
- As you labor to disciple your children in the Faith
- As you attempt to build in Babylon (wealth, health, and dominion)
- As “friends” come and go
- As you battle your failures
- As you endure sickness and move closer to death
- As we await His coming!

Oh LORD, we remember Thy words...

**Hebrews 3:14 (KJV)** *For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;*

Help us hold until the end!

### **Endurance Motivation!**

**Hebrews 10:37 (KJV)** *For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.*

**Hebrews 10:37 (NLT)** *“For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay.*

1. “In just a little while.” This wonderful truth should enhance motivation! It suggest a small amount of time. This is true, from the perspective of eternity.
2. Christian, live like Christ could come at any moment! Live as if the “Coming One” will bring recompense of reward and judgment!
3. All things will be made right! Every sacrifice understood in light of eternity! Every pain forgotten...washed away in the glorious light of His Presence!

### **Growing in Patience/Endurance: Five Biblical Suggestions**

#### **1. Rejoice in your Salvation!**

- Ultimately, biblical patience/endurance is about pleasing and honoring Christ, and points forward to the purpose of life’s pain: the Promise (v.37), which is Christ!
- Keeping this truth central will aid in endurance, and models both our LORD’s perspective, and His trusted servant, Paul:

**Hebrews 12:1-2 (KJV)** *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, **2** Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

**2 Timothy 2:10 (KJV)** *Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.*

- Paul and Peter make it plain, Hallelujah! Beloved, never stop rejoicing that He saved you!

**Romans 5:1-5 (KJV)** *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience: and experience, hope: 5 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.*

**1 Peter 1:3-7 (KJV)** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: 7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:*

## 2. Read the Bible!

- In a passage concerning the example of our LORD Christ, Paul said this to the church in Rome:

**Romans 15:4 (KJV)** *For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*

- We cannot overemphasize enough the power of the Scriptures to give patience, comfort and hope, all needful for endurance!

**Psalms 119:49-50 (KJV)** *Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope. 50 This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.*

**Jeremiah 15:16 (KJV)** *Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.*

- God's Word teaches our souls. It points us to Him. It gives us the mind of Christ. It strengthens our faith. It reminds us continually that God loves us, protects us, has a purpose for our lives, and will bring us unto Himself!

## 3. Pray!

**Romans 12:9-12 (KJV)** *Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. 10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; 11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; 12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;*

- Being patient in (or enduring) tribulation is much easier when one is "instant in prayer."

- Think about it. Prayer is talking with God. It is communing with Him in your heart, mind, and with your words. It is God-focused and Scripture-based.
- Prayer includes petitions and supplications, intercessions, the giving of thanks, and repentance and confessions! (1 Tim 2:1; Jam 5:16)
- But in its essence, prayer is communing (intimate or familiar speaking, Webster 1828). It is sharing our deepest needs, pains concerns. It is praise and adoration and standing in awe.
- All of these things strengthen our ability to stand firm in Christ and endure hardship.

#### 4. Go to Church!

**Hebrews 10:24-25 (KJV)** *And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

- Need comfort? Need biblical consideration (focused and intentional)? Need a good provoking to continue on in the good and godly? Go to church!
- Want to avoid falling into apostate patterns like forsaking the very corporate worship of God? Go to church?
- Need timely exhortations in love and holiness, humility and mercy, truth and grace... especially as the return of Christ gets closer? Go to church!
- Need endurance? Patience? Go. To. Church!
- We love John Gill's (1697-1771) quote:

It is the duty of saints to assemble together for public worship, on the account of God, who has appointed it, who approves of it, and whose glory is concerned in it; and on the account of the saints themselves, that they may be delighted, refreshed, comforted, instructed, edified, and perfected; and on account of others, that they may be convinced, converted, and brought to the knowledge and faith of Christ.

#### 5. See Suffering from a Kingdom Perspective!

- Amazingly, one of the greatest teachers and endurance builders we have in this life is pain. Tribulation, temptation, and affliction actually help the Christian when viewed rightly!

**James 1:2-4 (KJV)** *My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (KJV)** *For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

**Hebrews 12:11 (KJV)** *Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.*

- Bishop JC Ryle (1816-1900) is an exceptional commentator in this area. From his book, *Holiness*, he writes in different places:

It is a melancholy fact that constant temporal prosperity, as a general rule, is injurious to a believer's soul. We cannot stand it. Sickness and losses, and crosses, and anxieties, and disappointments seem absolutely needful to keep us humble, watchful, and spiritual-minded.

Faith told Moses that affliction and suffering were not real evils.--They were the school of God, in which He trains the children of grace for glory--the medicines which are needful to purify our corrupt wills--the furnace which must burn away our dross--the knife which must cut the ties that bind us to the world.

How would the great work of sanctification go on in a man if he had no trial? Trouble is often the only fire that will burn away the dross that clings to our hearts. Trouble is the pruning-knife which the great Husbandman employs in order to make us fruitful in good works. The harvest of the Lord's field is seldom ripened by sunshine only. It must go through its days of wind, and rain, and storm.

### **Closing Thoughts**

Much of this life, for all Mankind, is a series of ups and downs, unbelievable highs and crushing lows. Again, such is our lot in a fallen world.

Because of this, and the intentional efforts of principalities and powers, the Christian needs patience! We need to endure in Jesus Christ. We need a divine, Spirit-empowered "stick-to-itiveness" that characterizes our lives, inspires others, and shames the devil. May our testimony resemble that of those spoken of in Revelation:

***Revelation 14:12 (KJV)*** Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Perhaps Paul's Gospel-laced Words to the saints in Corinth will help us leave church today having received the right and righteous point of Patience...

***1 Corinthians 15:50-58 (KJV)*** Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Amen!