

# Getting To Know God

## PART 10 - PATIENTLY WAITING ON GOD

### THE GOD OF PATIENCE

#### Focus Verse:

James 5:7-11 “Be patient therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it, until it receives the early and late rain. (8) You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. (9) Don’t grumble, brothers, against one another, so that you won’t be judged. Behold, the judge stands at the door. (10) Take, brothers, for an example of suffering and of perseverance, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. (11) Behold, we call them blessed who endured. You have heard of the perseverance of Job, and have seen the Lord in the outcome, and how the Lord is full of compassion and mercy.”

We will set out in this study to show that the one true God is a God that requires patience. For patience is a defining attribute of His character. Being as such, He requires for us to become like Him and be patient just as He is. We must foster a willingness to wait upon God and not let our hearts stir with fear and worry.

Being “Patient and Waiting” on God are really “Code Words” for giving up control. Patience and Waiting are more like verbs, better applied to the idea of submission. If we can understand that this most precious exercise of our time is to build up within our own soul the ability to receive all of God Blessings, then we are well on our way to being joyful and hopeful as we wait for our Faithful Father God.

## God Of Patience

Being patient with God is an act of love that makes you like the God of patience.  
Love God and your fellow man by being patient with them.

Romans 15:5 “And may the **God of patience** and consolation grant you to be like minded toward one another according to Christ Jesus,”

1 John 4:16 “We know and have believed the love which God has for us. **God is love**, and he who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him.”

1 Corinthians 13:4 “**Love is patient** and is kind; love doesn’t envy. Love doesn’t brag, is not proud,”

## Jesus, Lord Of Patience

2 Thessalonians 3:5 “And may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the **patience of Christ**.”

# God Is Slow To Wrath

**We should rejoice that God is so patient, and at times seems to take His time. If it was not for this Characteristic, we would all be consumed by His righteous anger and never experience His grace and mercy. What we must remember is that while we are waiting on God to come through, God is patiently working in the hearts of others to obey Him.**

**2 Peter 3:9** “The Lord is not slow concerning his promise, as some count slowness; but is patient with us, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

**Nehemiah 9:16-17** “But they and our fathers behaved proudly, hardened their neck, didn’t listen to your commandments, (17) and refused to obey. They weren’t mindful of your wonders that you did among them, but hardened their neck, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage. But you are a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness, and didn’t forsake them.”

**Psalms 145:7-10** “They will utter the memory of your great goodness, and will sing of your righteousness. (8) Yahweh is gracious, merciful, slow to anger, and of great loving kindness. (9) Yahweh is good to all. His tender mercies are over all his works. (10) All your works will give thanks to you, Yahweh. Your saints will extol you.”

**Joel 2:12-13** “Yet even now,” says Yahweh, “turn to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning.” (13) Tear your heart, and not your garments, and turn to Yahweh, your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness, and relents from sending calamity.”

## We Are Also Told To Be Slow To Wrath

**Again, we must act like God. Slow to be angry over injustice, refusing anger over any perceived delays from God. Longsuffering is the example God gives us.**

**James 1:19-20** “So, then, my beloved brothers, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger; (20) for the anger of man doesn’t produce the righteousness of God.”

**Proverbs 14:29** “He who is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has a quick temper displays folly.”

**Proverbs 16:32** “One who is slow to anger is better than the mighty; one who rules his spirit, than he who takes a city.”

## An Understanding Of Time

**How fast is God really operating His will upon the earth? Let us do the math!**

**2 Peter 3:8** “But don’t forget this one thing, beloved, that one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”

**So, if I did my math right, and even if I did not, I think either way we will get the picture I am painting here. We are not waiting as long as it seems to us.**

**God is working exceptionally fast.**

- There are 24 hours in a day. So, God's day fits 24 hours into a 1000 year period.
- $1000 \div 24 = 41.66666666666667$  years.
- So each hour to God is roughly 41.6 years to us.
- That every 10 minutes to God is roughly 6.9 years. (41.6 divided by 6, as there is 60 minutes in the hour.)
- And every 5 minutes is 3.4 years. (6.9 divided by 2)
- With every minute being .69 years. (3.4 divided by 5)
- That means if you ask God for something and He answers you within 1 month earths time, the time that had passed to God was barely (ball park figure) 10 seconds in His time.

## The Work Of Patience

➡ **PATIENCE: In The End, Builds Love For God As We Learn To Hope In Him.**

[Romans 5:2-5](#) "Through Him we also have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice on the hope of the glory of God. (3) And not only this, but we glory in afflictions also, knowing that afflictions work out patience, (4) and patience works out experience, and experience works out hope. (5) And hope does not make us ashamed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us."

➡ **PATIENCE: Reveals God & Allows Us To Know Him.**

[Psalms 46:10](#) "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth."

➡ **PATIENCE: Releases God's Full Blessing Upon Us.**

[Isaiah 30:18](#) "Therefore Yahweh will wait, that he may be gracious to you; and therefore he will be exalted, that he may have mercy on you, for Yahweh is a God of justice. Blessed are all those who wait for him."

➡ **PATIENCE: Is The Righteous Response To Our Calling.**

[Colossians 3:12](#) "Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender feelings of mercy, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering,"

## Fair Play – Don't Make God Wait!

 **We Seek God Asking Him Not To Delay.**

[Psalms 40:16-17](#) "Let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let such as love your salvation say continually, "Let Yahweh be exalted!" (17) But I am poor and needy. May the Lord think about me. You are my help and my deliverer. Don't delay, my God."

## Then We Should Not Make God Wait Upon Us. Do What God Requires Of You.

**Ecclesiastes 5:4-5** “When you vow a vow to God, don’t defer to pay it; for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay that which you vow. (5) It is better that you should not vow, than that you should vow and not pay.”

## A Perfect Example Of The Right Attitude.

**Ezra 7:21-23** “I, even I Artaxerxes the king, make a decree to all the treasurers who are beyond the River, that whatever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, requires of you, it shall be done with all diligence, (22) up to one hundred talents of silver, and to one hundred cors of wheat, and to one hundred baths of wine, and to one hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much. (23) Whatever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be done exactly for the house of the God of heaven; for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons?”

# It Proves Your Hope Is God Alone

**Psalms 52:6-9** “And the righteous shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him, saying, (7) Behold, the man who did not make God his strength, but trusted in the abundance of his riches, he was strong in his wickedness. (8) But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever. (9) I will praise You forever, because You have done it; and I will wait on Your name; for it is good before Your saints.”

# Patience Proves Your Faith

**1 Timothy 6:11-12** “But you, O man of God, flee these things and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and meekness. (12) Fight the good fight of faith. Lay hold on eternal life, to which you are also called and have professed a good profession before many witnesses.”

**2 Peter 1:5-8** “But also in this very thing, bringing in all diligence, filling out your faith with virtue, and with virtue, knowledge; (6) and with knowledge self-control, and with self-control, patience, and with patience, godliness, (7) and with godliness, brotherly kindness, and with brotherly kindness, love. (8) For if these things are in you and abound, they make you to be neither idle nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**Revelation 14:12** “Here is the patience of the saints. Here are the ones who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.”

**Luke 8:15** “But those on the good ground are the ones who, in an honest and good heart, having heard the Word, keep it and bring forth fruit with patience.”

**Romans 2:5-7** “But according to your hardness and your impenitent heart, do you treasure up wrath for yourself in a day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, (6) who will render to each according to his works; (7) indeed to those who with patience in good work are seeking for glory, and honor, and incorruptibility, everlasting life.”

# Seeking God's Mercy & Grace

**Psalms 123:1-4** “To you I do lift up my eyes, you who sit in the heavens. (2) Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress; so our eyes look to Yahweh, our God, until he has mercy on us. (3) Have mercy on us, Yahweh, have mercy on us, for we have endured much contempt. (4) Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scoffing of those who are at ease, with the contempt of the proud.”

**Psalms 25:20-22** “Oh keep my soul, and deliver me. Let me not be disappointed, for I take refuge in you. (21) Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you. (22) Redeem Israel, God, out of all his troubles.”

## Must Be Patient To Serve God

**Titus 2:1-3** “But you speak the things which become sound doctrine: (2) aged men to be temperate, sensible, discreet, sound in faith, in love, in patience. (3) Let the aged women likewise be in reverent behavior, not slanderers, not enslaved by much wine, teachers of good;”

**1 Thessalonians 1:2-4** “We give thanks to God for you always, making mention of you in our prayers, (3) remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father, (4) knowing, beloved brothers, your election of God.”

**2 Thessalonians 3:13** “But you, brothers, don't be weary in doing what is right.”

**Galatians 6:9** “Let's not be weary in doing good, for we will reap in due season, if we don't give up.”

**2 Corinthians 6:3-10** “We are in nothing giving cause of stumbling, in no way, so that the ministry may not be blamed, (4) but in everything commending ourselves as God's servants, in much patience, in troubles, in emergencies, in distresses, (5) in stripes, in imprisonments, in riots, in labors, in watchings, in fastings; (6) in pureness, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in love unfeigned, (7) in the Word of Truth, in the power of God, through the weapons of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, (8) through glory and dishonor, through evil report and good report; as deceivers and yet true; (9) as unknown and yet well known; as dying and, behold, we live; as chastened and not killed; (10) as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing all things.”

## Waiting In Prayer

➡ **God Responds To & Delivers To Those Wait.**

**Hosea 12:6** “Therefore turn to your God. Keep kindness and justice, and wait continually for your God.”



**Ephesians 6:18** “praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching to this very thing with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”

**Psalms 130:1-6** “Out of the depths I have cried to you, Yahweh. (2) Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my petitions. (3) If you, Yah, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? (4) But there is forgiveness with you, therefore you are feared. (5) I wait for Yahweh. My soul waits. I hope in his word. (6) My soul longs for the Lord more than watchmen long for the morning; more than watchmen for the morning.”

**Colossians 1:9-12** “For this cause we also, since the day we heard, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, (10) that you might walk worthy of the Lord to all pleasing, being fruitful in every work and increasing in the knowledge of God, (11) being empowered with all power, according to the might of His glory, to all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness, (12) giving thanks to the **Father**, who has made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.”

## Wait For God's Instruction

**Psalms 106:7-15** “Our fathers didn’t understand your wonders in Egypt. They didn’t remember the multitude of your loving kindnesses, but were rebellious at the sea, even at the Red Sea. (8) Nevertheless he saved them for his name’s sake, that he might make his mighty power known. (9) He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up; so he led them through the depths, as through a desert. (10) He saved them from the hand of him who hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. (11) The waters covered their adversaries. There was not one of them left. (12) Then they believed his words. They sang his praise. (13) They soon forgot his works. They didn’t wait for his counsel, (14) but gave in to craving in the desert, and tested God in the wasteland. (15) He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul.” **See: 1 Samuel 13:8-14**

## Waiting For Earthly Needs

**Psalms 33:18-22** “Behold, Yahweh’s eye is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his loving kindness; (19) to deliver their soul from death, to keep them alive in famine. (20) Our soul has waited for Yahweh. He is our help and our shield. (21) For our heart rejoices in him, because we have trusted in his holy name. (22) Let your loving kindness be on us, Yahweh, since we have hoped in you.”

**Psalms 145:13-20** “Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. Your dominion endures throughout all generations. Yahweh is faithful in all his words, and loving in all his deeds. (14) Yahweh upholds all who fall, and raises up all those who are bowed down. (15) The eyes of all wait for you. You give them their food in due season. (16) You open your hand, and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (17) Yahweh is righteous in all his ways, and gracious in all his works. (18) Yahweh is near to all those who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. (19) He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him. He also will hear their cry, and will save them. (20) Yahweh preserves all those who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.”

# Deliverance From Your Enemies

**Psalms 69:1-18** “Save me, God, for the waters have come up to my neck! (2) I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold. I have come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. (3) I am weary with my crying. My throat is dry. My eyes fail, looking for my God. (4) Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head. Those who want to cut me off, being my enemies wrongfully, are mighty. I have to restore what I didn’t take away. (5) God, you know my foolishness. My sins aren’t hidden from you. (6) **Don’t let those who wait for you be shamed** through me, Lord Yahweh of Armies. Don’t let those who seek you be brought to dishonor through me, God of Israel. (7) Because for your sake, I have borne reproach. Shame has covered my face. (8) I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother’s children. (9) For the zeal of your house consumes me. The reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me. (10) When I wept and I fasted, that was to my reproach. (11) When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them. (12) Those who sit in the gate talk about me. I am the song of the drunkards. (13) But as for me, my prayer is to you, Yahweh, in an acceptable time. God, in the abundance of your loving kindness, answer me in the truth of your salvation. (14) Deliver me out of the mire, and don’t let me sink. Let me be delivered from those who hate me, and out of the deep waters. (15) Don’t let the flood waters overwhelm me, neither let the deep swallow me up. Don’t let the pit shut its mouth on me. (16) Answer me, Yahweh, for your loving kindness is good. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, turn to me. (17) Don’t hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress. Answer me speedily! (18) Draw near to my soul, and redeem it. Ransom me because of my enemies.”

**Psalms 25:1-6** “By David. To you, Yahweh, do I lift up my soul. (2) My God, I have trusted in you. Don’t let me be shamed. Don’t let my enemies triumph over me. (3) **Yes, no one who waits for you shall be shamed.** They shall be shamed who deal treacherously without cause. (4) Show me your ways, Yahweh. Teach me your paths. (5) Guide me in your truth, and teach me, For you are the God of my salvation, I wait for you all day long. (6) Yahweh, remember your tender mercies and your loving kindness, for they are from old times.”

## When You Are Wronged

**Proverbs 20:22** “Don’t say, “I will pay back evil.” Wait for Yahweh, and he will save you. Vengeance is mine I will repay”

**Nahum 1:2-3** “Yahweh is a jealous God and avenges. Yahweh avenges and is full of wrath. Yahweh takes vengeance on his adversaries, and he maintains wrath against his enemies. (3) Yahweh is slow to anger, and great in power, and will by no means leave the guilty unpunished. Yahweh has his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.”

**Isaiah 64:1-4** “Oh, that You would tear the heavens open, come down, that mountains shall shake before You – (2) as when fire burns twigs, as fire makes water boil – to make Your Name known to Your adversaries, so that nations tremble before You. (3) When You did awesome matters, which we did not expect, You came down, mountains did shake before You! (4) Since the beginning of the ages they have not heard nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen any Elohim besides You, who acts for those who wait for Him.”

**Isaiah 49:22-23** “Thus says the Lord Yahweh, “Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations, and lift up my banner to the peoples; and they shall bring your sons in their bosom, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders. (23) Kings shall be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. They will bow down to you with their faces to the earth, and lick the dust of your feet; Then you will know that I am Yahweh; and those who wait for me shall not be disappointed.”

## When You Are Being Disciplined By God

**Isaiah 30:18-21** “Therefore Yahweh will wait, that he may be gracious to you; and therefore he will be exalted, that he may have mercy on you, for Yahweh is a God of justice. Blessed are all those who wait for him. (19) For the people will dwell in Zion at Jerusalem. You will weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the voice of your cry. When he hears you, he will answer you. (20) Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your teachers won’t be hidden any more, but your eyes will see your teachers; (21) and when you turn to the right hand, and when you turn to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way. Walk in it.”

**Lamentations 3:22-33** “It is because of Yahweh’s loving kindnesses that we are not consumed, because his compassion doesn’t fail. (23) They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness. (24) “Yahweh is my portion,” says my soul. “Therefore I will hope in him.” (25) Yahweh is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. (26) It is good that a man should hope and quietly wait for the salvation of Yahweh. (27) It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. (28) Let him sit alone and keep silence, because he has laid it on him. (29) Let him put his mouth in the dust, if it is so that there may be hope. (30) Let him give his cheek to him who strikes him. Let him be filled full of reproach. (31) For the Lord will not cast off forever. (32) For though he causes grief, yet he will have compassion according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses. (33) For he does not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.”

**Micah 7:7-10** “But as for me, I will look to Yahweh. I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me. (8) Don’t rejoice against me, my enemy. When I fall, I will arise. When I sit in darkness, Yahweh will be a light to me. (9) I will bear the indignation of Yahweh, because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my case, and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light. I will see his righteousness. (10) Then my enemy will see it, and shame will cover her who said to me, where is Yahweh your God? Then my enemy will see me and will cover her shame. Now she will be trodden down like the mire of the streets.”



# Waiting For Reward

**Proverbs 27:18** “Whoever keeps the fig tree shall eat its fruit; so he who waits on his master shall be honored.”

**Hebrews 6:10-12** “For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. (11) And we desire that each one of you show the same eagerness to the full assurance of hope to the end, (12) that you be not slothful, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

**Galatians 5:5** “For we, through the Spirit, by faith wait for the hope of righteousness.”

**1 Thessalonians 1:9-10** “For they themselves report concerning us what kind of a reception we had from you; and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, (10) and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead— Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come.”

## As You Wait Patiently

### **✚ Don't Let Your Love Fail!**

**Revelation 2:2-4** “I know your works and your labor and your patience, and how you cannot bear those who are evil. And you tried those pretending to be apostles, and are not, and have found them liars. (3) And you have borne, and have patience, and for My name's sake you have labored and have not fainted. (4) But I have against you that you left your first love.”

### **✚ Search The Bible To Find Hope!**

**Romans 15:4** “For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, so that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.”

### **✚ Pray & Rejoice Without Fail!**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** “Rejoice always. (17) Pray without ceasing. (18) In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you.”

**As we can clearly see from top to bottom, Patience is a defining Characteristic of God and His followers. In all situations, in all circumstances, our starting position is patient endurance for the God we love. We must give up control to God. In reality, Patience may be more accurately described as TRUST. A belief that God is in control, that He loves us, and in the end, God is working it out for our best interest.**

**Romans 8:28** “We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose.”

### **Focus Outro Verse:**

**Psalms 37:5-11** “Commit your way to Yahweh. Trust also in him, and he will do this: (6) he will make your righteousness go out as the light, and your justice as the noon day sun. (7) Rest in Yahweh, and wait patiently for him. Don't fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who makes wicked plots happen. (8) Cease from anger, and forsake wrath. Don't fret, it leads only to evildoing. (9) For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for Yahweh shall inherit the land. (10) For yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more. Yes, though you look for his place, he isn't there. (11) But the humble shall inherit the land, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.”