

(3.02 - Through Faith & Patience We Inherit God's Promises.)

1.0 - Introduction - Faith and Patience work together.

(Scriptures from KJV unless noted otherwise)

Foundation Scriptures

James 1:2-4

² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into divers (various trails) temptations; ³ Knowing this, that the **trying of your faith works patience**. ⁴ But **let patience have her perfect work**, that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Heb. 6:12

¹² That you be not slothful (sluggish or lazy), but followers of them who **through faith and patience inherit the promises.**

- From our foundation scriptures we can see that when various trials and tribulations come into our lives and tests our Faith that *the force of Patience is developed* as we stand on God's word.
- We also can see that to inherit or obtain the promises of God, Faith & Patience are needed to work together. Faith & Patience are spiritual forces in the Kingdom of God and are given to the believer as they are become "born again".
- Faith can waver (not hold its ground) and *does not have the ability to endure time* but the Force of Patience has the supernatural ability to go the distance to support Faith.
- **The power of Patience** is necessary to undergird (strengthen & carry) Faith, and **gives Faith endurance** to preserve or carry on until the Promise manifest or becomes a reality.
- Faith is the substance of what is hoped for (the promise), but often will not stand on the evidence of the Word of God alone, Patience sustains Faith to go the time necessary for the promise to come from the spiritual realm into the natural realm.
- Faith & Patience work together as do Faith & Love work together.
- Faith, Hope & Love all are *spiritual forces deposited into the spirit of the believer* at salvation and they all work together.
- Faith is powerful and always works but *Patience is necessary to stop the believer from saying* negative words or confessions that are opposite to what they are believing for.
- The Patience that God gives to the believer is a supernatural spiritual force and is **not the same as the normal patience in every human being** which is to just put up with the situation.
- Patience is a Fruit of the Spirit and *must be developed*.

Titus 2:2

² that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience;

A common tradition is that *Trials & Tribulations* develop Faith, the Word tells us that *Patience is developed* in these situations where as *Faith comes by hearing and hearing* the Word of God and Faith *is developed as we act upon the Word of God* with corresponding actions.

Heb. 12:2

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.

Jesus is the author & finisher (or developer) of our Faith and not Satan.



2.0 - Develop Faith Before the Trail Comes.

Luke 6:47-49

⁴⁷ Whosoever comes to me, and hears my sayings, and does them, I will show you to whom he is like: ⁴⁸ He is like a man which built an house, and digs deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. ⁴⁹ But he that hears, and does not, is like a man that without a foundation built a house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great. (KJV)

- The man that hears the Word and acts upon it is likened to a man that builds his house on a rock, when
 the storms come his house will stand and not fall or when a man hears the Word of God and acts upon
 it his faith will be developed before the problems of life come.
- Developing Patience in Trials, Tribulations and Tests keeps the doorway open for our Faith to overcome that which has been put before us.
- The definition of Patience being consistent or being the same way at all times.

James 1:6-8

⁶ But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering (doubting). For he that wavers (doubts) is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. ⁷ For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. ⁸ A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

- The book of James tell us to act or be the same way every time for doubting a man receives nothing.
- We are to act the same way every time on what the Word says and not on sense knowledge, what our senses say.

3.0 – Temptations / Tests & Testings.

James 1:12-21

¹² Blessed is the man that endures **temptation:** for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. ¹³ Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempts he any man: ¹⁴ But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. ¹⁵ Then when lust hath conceived, it brings forward sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forward death. ¹⁶ Do not err (deceived), my beloved brethren. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. ¹⁸ Of his own will brought he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹ Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath (anger): ²⁰ For the anger of man works not the righteousness of God. ²¹ Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness (overflow of wickedness), and receive with meekness the engrafted (implanted) word, which is able to save your souls.

- The Greek word translated "temptation" here in these scriptures is the same word for Trials & Testinas'.
- V13 Says that God is not tested by evil nor does He test man with evil we are warned not to say that of HIM.
- V14 Explains what "Test & Trials" are;
 - Anything that applies pressure on the lusts or desires of the flesh.
 - Any pressure that draws you away from God's Word the beginning of a test.
- We have a way to escape through our advocate Jesus our High Priest!
- The Holy Spirit is continually helping you, teaching, interceding and backing your Faith.



- As long as your Faith is in action, so is the Holy Spirit.
- Patience guards you against admitting a doubt or confession of fear into your conscience.

1 Cor.10:13

¹³ There hath **no temptation taken you but such as is common to man**: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it.

- The scripture shows us 3 things;
 - Trials & Tribulations are common to mankind Satan cannot call on his heavenly experience as a heavenly being.
 - God is faithful and will not let you face something you cannot defeat.
 - God always provides the way of escape.
- The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but powerful through God for the pulling down of Satans strongholds.
- Satan is limited in warfare to things that are common to mankind but believers are not limited.

<u>4.0 – Believers are Developed through God's Word, Faith & Patience.</u>

Eph. 4:11-12

¹¹ And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹² For the **perfecting of the saints**, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ

• Shows us that the saints are perfected not through trials, tribulation or tests, they are perfected by the Word of God through ministry.

John 16:33

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

Jesus said that He has overcome the world to give us peace - even through Trials & Tribulations.

¹ 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 works patience; ⁴ And patience, experience; and experience, hope: ⁵ And hope makes not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.**

Paul said that he did not let go of his peace with God because of Tribulation – for tribulation works
Patience, and Patience brought the experience, experience brought Hope, made full and complete of
the victory!

Heb. 10:35-38

³⁵ Cast (throw) not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense (compensation) of reward. ³⁶ **For you have need of patience**, that, after ye have done the will of God, you might receive the promise. ³⁷ For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. ³⁸ Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. ³⁹ But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.



• You have **need of Patience** that after you have done the will of God you might receive the promise, the just shall live by Faith.

Heb. 6:12

¹² That you be not slothful (sluggish and lazy), but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

- Through FAITH & PATIENCE we inherit the promises of God.
- Faith is acting on the Word of God.
- Acting on the Word of God exerts the force of Faith.
- Patience comes into action to produce the experience of the victory or the promise to become a reality.
- You cannot get the results of Faith without exerting the force of Faith.
- Faith is believing that you receive whatever you ask for before it can be seen with the senses of sight or felt with the sense of touch.

5.0 - Example of Faith & Patience.

- Your body has symptoms of sickness.
- Go to God's Word and find the promise that covers your situation Matthew 8:17 & 1 Peter 2:24.
- These scriptures say that "you were healed" so through the eye of Faith you believe and confess that you are healed according to God's Word.
- Speak to your body and confess the "by His stripes you are healed", believe that you have received before you actually see it happen, **based on the evidence of** God's Word.

Mark 11:22-26

²² And Jesus answering said unto them, Have faith in God. ²³ For verily (truly) I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be you removed, and be thou cast into the sea; **and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he says shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he says.** ²⁴ Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever you desire, when ye pray, believe that you receive them, and ye shall have them. ²⁵ And when you stand praying, forgive, if you have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. ²⁶ But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

- While you are waiting for the promise to become a reality in the natural, exercise the force of Patience
 to give Faith the time period to make it happen continue to confess that you are healed no matter
 how long it takes, that is in God's hands and timing.
- As you wait you know that Patience will produce the victory and this is the difference between success and failure in the faith walk of a believer.

6.0 - A Final Word over Faith and Patience.

Heb. 6:12

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James 2:26

²⁶ For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. (KJV)



Heb. 11:1

¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Gal. 5:6b

⁶ but faith which works by love.

The promises of God are obtained by every "Born Again Believer" through these spiritual forces which are deposited at the moment of salvation. "Faith" *is the substance* of things "Hoped" for (the promises of God) and "Patience" works together with "Faith" to help "Faith" bring into a reality the promise of God but "Faith" must have a "Hope" or promise to fulfil.

Without a "Hope" "Faith cannot work and without "Faith" the "Hope" cannot make itself because "Faith" is the substance of that "Hope". "Faith" also works by "Love" so to make a promise of God become a reality, the Believer must walk in "Love" otherwise "Faith" will stop working.

- 1st we must have a "Hope" or promise of God.
- 2nd we need "Faith" in order to give the "Hope" substance to become a reality.
- 3rd we need "Patience" to help "Faith" go the distance to the full manifestation of the promise.
- 4th we must put actions to our faith for faith to work.

Heb. 11:1

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JESUS IS LORD!