

God Is Patient **Exodus 34:1-7**

Main Point:

As a child of God, exercise patience as you live under His providence and interact with others.

1. God's patience

2. God's patience in the gospel

3. God's patience in the Christian life

Edward Leigh “[Patience is the attribute] whereby he bears the reproach of sinners and defers their punishments ...”

Samuel Bolton “If but any tender-hearted man should sit one hour in the Throne of the Almighty, and look down upon the earth as God does continually, and see what abominations are done in that hour, he would undoubtedly in the next set all the world on fire.”

Nahum 1:3 3 The LORD is slow to anger and great in power ... (NKJV)

Mark Jones “His patience is his power, and when he exercises the former, he shows more of the latter than he would if he created a thousand worlds. How? Creating worlds shows a power over creatures and matter; exercising patience shows power over himself.”

Ecclesiastes 8:11 11 Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. (NKJV)

Stephen Charnock “It differs from mercy in the formal consideration of the object: mercy respects the creature as miserable, patience respects the creature as criminal; mercy pities him in his misery, and patience bears with the sin which engendered the misery, and is giving birth to more.”

Mark Jones “God is patient with us because he does not need to worry about us. He knows, without any hint of anxiety, how all things will work out.”

Stephen Charnock “Goodness sets God upon the exercise of patience, and patience sets many a sinner on running into the arms of mercy.”

Romans 9:22 22 *What* if God, wanting to show *His* wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, (NKJV)

2 Peter 3:9 9 The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. (NKJV)

1 Timothy 1:16 16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. (NKJV)

George Swinnoek “If God were as impatient as we are, there would be no hope for us.”

Ephesians 4:1-2 1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, (NKJV)

Colossians 3:13 12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, [and] longsuffering; (NKJV)

A.W. Pink “When tempted to be disgusted at the dullness of another, or to be revenged on one who has wronged you, call to remembrance God's infinite patience and longsuffering with you.”