



## I. INTRO

**Psalm 40:1a (TPT) I waited and waited and waited some more, patiently, knowing God would come through for me.**

- A. Patient = not hasty; not over eager or impetuous; waiting or expecting with calmness or without discontent
- B. Patience = 1828 Webster dictionary = the act or quality of waiting long for justice or expected good without discontent

## II. THE FRUIT OF CHRIST'S REDEMPTIVE WORK

**Galatians 5:22 (NLT) But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience.....**

- A. The Holy Spirit will help in all circumstances of life, but we have to be willing to grow in patience

**James 1:17 (NKJV) Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.**

- 1. Patience is a perfect gift
- 2. Before the need is met there is patience

- B. God wants us to grow in patience

## III. A PATIENT POWER

**Nahum 1:3 (MSG) GOD is serious business. He won't be trifled with. He avenges his foes. He stands up against his enemies, fierce and raging. But GOD doesn't lose his temper. He's powerful, but it's a patient power. Still, no one gets by with anything. Sooner or later, everyone pays.**

**Joshua 6:1-5 (NKJV) Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. <sup>2</sup> And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, *and* the mighty men of valor. <sup>3</sup> You shall march around the city, all *you* men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. <sup>4</sup> And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. <sup>5</sup> It shall come to pass, when they make a long *blast* with the ram's horn, *and* when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him."**

**Joshua 6:10 (NKJV) Now Joshua had commanded the people, saying, "You shall not shout or make any noise with your voice, nor shall a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I say to you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout."**



A. Until has an expiration date!

**Joshua 6:20 (NKJV)** So the people shouted when *the priests* blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

B. Hupomone = endurance, steadfastness, consistent, unwavering, unflinching!

**2 Corinthians 12:12 (KJV)** Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

1. Having the right attitude will help grow our patience
2. Staying prepared is an individual responsibility
3. Don't view delays as denials

**Romans 8:25 (TLB)** But if we must keep trusting God for something that hasn't happened yet, it teaches us to wait patiently and confidently.

#### IV. JUST BE PATIENT

**2 Peter 3:9 (NLT)** The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

- A. It's possible to sabotage through impatience
1. With patience we guard our hearts
  2. With patience we watch our mouth
  3. With patience we keep our confidence

B. We can face anything with patience

**Romans 8:37 (TPT)** Yet even in the midst of all these things, we triumph over them all, for God has made us to be more than conquerors, and his demonstrated love is our glorious victory over everything!