



Blessed Are Those Who Wait

# 40 Blessed Are Those Who Endure

Chapter James 5:7–11

## Today's Lesson:



1. To understand that there are situations in our Christian lives where we need to exercise patience.
2. To understand that the glory of God is only revealed when one looks towards God and endures.

Open Your Heart



Water does not boil until it reaches 212 degrees Fahrenheit (100 degrees Celsius).

A steam locomotive does not move until its pressure gauge indicates 212 degrees.

No change occurs at 211 degrees.

Even if it is just a one degree difference, this one degree can determine whether there is change or not. Likewise, courage requires persistence.

The last one percent of patience determines life's success and/or failure.

Despite this, there are many cases where we mess up because we are not able to endure at the last moment.



## Understanding Today's Lesson

'Longsuffering' in the Bible refers to 'the attitude of life that believes in the faithfulness of God and firmly trusts and waits upon Him even in unfair situations.' Longsuffering is a characteristic of God, and it is one of the nine attributes of the fruit of the Spirit that Christians ought to have. All the forefathers of faith endured hardship. After receiving salvation, the life of following after the Lord is a life of running the race of hardships with longsuffering.

We must practice longsuffering towards God, towards ourselves, and towards others. To practice longsuffering towards God is to trust the work of God and to endure until the time appointed by God. In life, there are many things that happen that are unfair and are unable to be understood with logic. It is easy for us to complain when we see that the wicked prosper and the righteous suffer loss. However, because God works precisely in the right time, He tells us to endure. Also, we need to practice longsuffering towards ourselves. This means that we must wait patiently regarding our shortcomings.

Because time is needed for our character to mature, we must not be discouraged at one failure as if it is a perpetual one. We must look upon the Lord once more and continue on the race of faith. We must also practice longsuffering in our relationships with others. Just as parents practice longsuffering when concerning their children, we must also endure patiently toward the gentiles who disdain or ridicule us, for we do not know how God will work for them. Also, we must accept the brothers and sisters of the Church in love with longsuffering. Even if another has flaws, we must accept one another with humility and gentleness until the Second Coming of the Lord, looking toward the reward He will bring.

Notes:



## Memorizing Bible Verses

For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

(Romans 8:24–25)



Meditate

## On These Verses

1. After you have meditated on the following verses, give a title of the verse or write a short summary of the verse. Also, write down things you have felt about the verse, or other verses that it has reminded you of.

(Hebrews 10:32–36)

(James 1:2–4)

(Revelation 3:10–11)



Changing

## Directions

Read 1 Timothy 1:12–16 and answer the following.

1. Paul thanked the Lord for entrusting him to be an apostle, and Paul was faithful to Him. Who does Paul confess to be in the past?

2. What was the reason that Paul was able to obtain mercy and receive salvation? Write down the answer that can be found in the designated passage.

3. Not only did Paul receive salvation and mercy through the longsuffering of the Lord, but he also became an apostle who was used preciously. If even a person like Paul was able to receive these blessings, then what does this mean for people like us? Read verse 16 and read down your thoughts.

4. If this is the case with Paul, how should I regard myself and those around me who blaspheme, persecute and are insolent against me?



Applying

## The Word to My Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.  
(James 2:26)

1. Please write down how you will apply what you learned today throughout this week.

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2. Look back and reflect on how successful you were at applying last week's lesson.



Praying

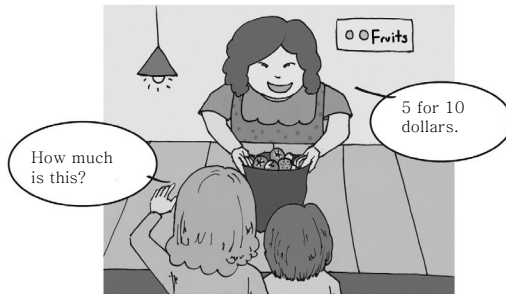
## To Live According to the Word

I pray that I will be able to remember the goodness of God and quietly endure even in circumstances that I do not understand or that seem unfair in my Christian Life. Moreover, I pray that I can practice longsuffering towards myself and others, believing in the guidance of God.



# Our Story

## The Value of Man



The value of plants, animals or items are determined by man.  
Then, who determines the value of a person?  
Man cannot determine the value of a person.  
One can know man's true value when they meet God.

**...For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD,  
And My God shall be my strength (Isaiah 49:5)**

## 50 Years and 1 Hour

In the Talmud, there is a story of Abraham.

Abraham was sweeping the yard when a traveler passed by. He was drenched in sweat and appeared to be hungry, so Abraham invited him in and treated him to a cold cup of milk and bread. However, the traveler did not give a prayer of thankfulness prior to eating the bread and milk. So, Abraham asked him,

"Why do you not pray thanking God for the meal?"

"I am a Persian. I believe in Zoroastrianism and worship fire. I do not know who God is."

So, Abraham fervently taught him about God. "God is the Creator of the heavens and earth—who has created the universe and all things in it. He is the Being who maintains the whole universe. He is the One who provides for all our needs in life. We must pray a prayer of thanksgiving towards Him."

Despite this, the traveler continued to be stubborn and restated his stance from before. Angered, Abraham kicked the traveler out. "I cannot allow someone like you to rest in my home."

While He was soothing his anger, Abraham looked at the back of the traveler, who was walking away. That is when the angel of God appeared and said,

"Abraham, God has waited 50 years for that one person, but you kicked him out, unable to hold back for even an hour."



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