



“Patience, a virtue for salvation”

Biblically we know there are a diversity of virtues of ministry and operations, each one is a blessing usage for the church, a projection to all. Virtues such as wisdom, science, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, spirits discernment, and interpretation of tongues.

Additionally, there are personalize virtues like it is the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, PATIENCE, gentleness, benignity, faith, meekness, and temperance. All of which complements each other. For now I would like to focus on patience, the one we must underline in our minds and hearts. In analyzing the scripture, we'll find the exhausted work of God to take us through life in multitude of tests and problems, to form that virtue, a vital virtue for our salvation. It's probably that most of us haven't reach that perfection to which the apostle James refers when saying, "count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations, knowing this: that the trying of your faith worketh PATIENCE. But let PATIENCE have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking nothing" (Ja 1:2-4).

The diverse problems that God's people faces is nothing new. Israel's history, from the beginning, face test after test and this continuity we can see how the first church up until today's church is still being tested. Most of the times we're unable to determine the reasons of these nebulas paradigms, reaching despair, one step away from the void, in where it seems God has forgotten us and lose the hope of salvation. This is how David felt, when he writes Plasm forty, feeling like in a miry pit of despair. Being in this indescribable state, real for him -he was suffering it- getting weaker and unable to resolve -humanly- his problems. There is no way out! So: "I waited PATIENTLY for the Lord".

In verse one, one can clearly understand God's intentions for taking us to extreme situation, so we can learn: To wait, -wait, and wait on the almighty King, since God's people must not beg for crumbs of this evil science world. Knowing that the world is under evil, and that our Lord the almighty God is jealous.

The precious blood that paid for our sins, He is our owner, so then: When will we stop faltering and start to believe in Him? Or will you accept that your children beg food from your enemy, instead of coming to you, the parent? The real intention of God is to provoke patience and patience itself is a confirmation of faith, which is the base for salvation, because by grace we are save -through faith.- And what is faith, if not to absolutely believe in His promises, knowing that intellectual faith nor philosophy will save. We live in a word where each day is more agitate than the day before, becoming more convulse and impatient, in where we want everything "done by today" and in extreme measures we want things "done yesterday".

Vehicles are more rapid and within a second we can communicate across the world. Nobody wants to wait, thus accelerating production processes, growing, maturing, and advancing nature, breaking the established line of the Creator. With this universal tendency, how will mankind wait for God? In what moment will someone trust in someone they don't know or care to know? Only the chosen ones, who have been given the Holy Spirit, His people, His children, chosen before the foundation of the world, only those who through the diversity of tests and not through personal strength, patience is form, because patience at its time will have a marvelous effect like it happen to David, who waited patiently. David who understood wrote, "and He inclined unto me and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay"(Ps 40: 1-2). Lord is hard to understand my urgency of patience, my flesh still, but... I want to understand, fire up my faith and save me! Save Me Lord! Amen.

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