

Joy Without Limits :
The Joy of Patience
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Text : Isaiah 40:31

Introduction: We are studying a series of lessons on the subject of joy. We know that Jesus commanded His disciples to be joyful. **John 15:11** says, “*These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.*” One of my all-time favorite passages of the Old Testament is Isaiah 40:31. It reminds me that if I will let God mature me in my faith, and have patience with life, He will take care of me in the end. Why do we have a hard time waiting for the Lord? Have you ever noticed how often it is mentioned in the Psalms? In this lesson we will consider some great Bible characters that had tremendous patience in waiting to see the Lord’s plan unveiled. And this lesson may not include those you would immediately expect like Job, but they did have faith to wait upon the Lord

Discussion:

I. The Patience of Noah

- A. Noah was good (**Genesis 6:8**)
- B. Noah was faithful (**Hebrews 11:7**)
- C. Noah was dedicated (**II Peter 2:4-5**)
- D. Noah was saved (**Genesis 9:1**)

II. The Patience of Joseph

- A. Joseph was good (**Genesis 41:42-43**)
- B. Joseph was faithful (**Psalms 105:16-22**)
- C. Joseph was dedicated (**Genesis 40:1-41:13**)
- D. Joseph was saved (**Genesis 45:1-15**)

III. The Patience of David

- A. David was good (**I Samuel 17:1-58**)
- B. David was faithful (**I Samuel 31 - II Samuel 5**)
- C. David was dedicated (**Psalms 37:34**)
- D. David was saved (**I Samuel 13:14**)

IV. The Patience of Christians

- A. We must be good (**Galatians 5:22**)
- B. We must be faithful (**Hebrews 11:6**)
- C. We must be dedicated (**Ephesians 3:20**)
- D. We must be saved (**Hebrews 6:12**)

Conclusion: Are you happy to be a servant of the Lord? Are you willing to exercise just a little patience while you wait upon the Lord? You can drink from the well that offers water for those who thirst for joy! Through patience you can become complete, you can receive God’s mercy, and increase your faith. Have you given the Lord your life? Let Him lead you. . . .