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What Does the Bible Say About Patience? — Living It Out • KJV Scriptures with Strong's Numbers

LIVING IT OUT • THE WALK WITH GOD — CRAWL, WALK, RUN, FINISH

Patience — Foundational Biblical Doctrine

OPENING WORD

Patience is a walk before it is anything else. A child does not walk in a day: first he crawls on his hands and knees; then his father takes him by the arms and teaches him to walk, step by step; then he walks alone; then he grows, and he runs. And the person who runs well runs a race, and the race has an end, and at the end a crown. Patience is like that. The Greek word is hupomone (G5281, patience) — Strong's says, cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy — and it is built from two words, G5259, under; and G3306, to abide: an abiding under. It has a companion, makrothumia (G3115, longsuffering) — long of spirit, slow to become angry. The Hebrew calls the waiting qavah (H6960, wait) — Strong's says, to bind together, like a twisted cord — the waiting soul is bound to God like a cord; and the patient person is arek (H750, patient) — long: long of spirit, and slow to anger. This study carries patience through a person's whole journey: how he finds it when he can only crawl; how he walks in it once he has it; how he runs the race set before him with patience, and offers it up like a soldier in God's army; and how he crosses the line at the end, where the promise is received, the crown is held tightly, and the word of our God stands forever. Search it out.

THREE QUESTIONS THIS STUDY ANSWERS:

1. Where is patience found, and how does a person first come to it?
2. What should a person do with patience once they have it, and how is it lived out day by day?
3. How does the race end — what does patience receive at the finish line, and what lasts forever?

GREEK KEYWORDS

“patience” — **G5281 hupomone** — cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy
let us run with patience the race that is set before us

“longsuffering” — **G3115 makrothumia** — longanimity, forbearance, fortitude

with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love

“endured” — G5278 hupomeno — to abide, to endure, to take patiently, to suffer
endured the cross, despising the shame

“worketh” — G2716 katergazomai — to work fully, to accomplish, to perform
tribulation produces patience

“trying” — G1383 dokimion — a testing, a trial, a trying
the trying of your faith produces patience

“race” — G73 agon — conflict, contention, fight, race
run with patience the race that is set before us

“instruments” — G3696 hoplon — armour, instrument, weapon
your members as instruments of righteousness to God

“keep” — G5083 tereo — to keep, to hold fast, to watch, to preserve
you have kept the word of my patience

“abideth” — G3306 meno — to abide, to remain, to continue, to endure
he who does the will of God abides forever

(My personal thoughts — notice how the two words are built. Strong's says hupomone (G5281, patience) rests on two words — G5259, under; and G3306, to abide — an abiding under: the patient person stays under the weight until the work is finished. And makrothumia (G3115, longsuffering) rests on G3117, long, and G2372, wrath — long before anger: the patient person is long of spirit, and does not get angry quickly. The first carries a burden; the second waits out a season. And both are translated patience: in Hebrews 12:1 we run with patience (G5281), and in Hebrews 6:12 we inherit through faith and patience (G3115) — the race calls for the abiding under; and the promise calls for the long spirit. One line holds them both together — all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness (Colossians 1:11).)

HEBREW KEYWORDS

“wait” — H6960 qavah — to bind together (as by twisting); to expect, to wait
they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength

“patient” — H750 arek — long; longsuffering, patient, slow to anger
the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit

“wait” — H2442 chakah — to wait, to tarry, to long for
blessed are all they that wait for him

“expectation” — H8615 tiqvah — a cord; expectation, hope
your expectation will not be cut off

“trust” — H3176 yachal — to hope, to wait, to trust, to tarry
though he slay me, yet will I trust in him

(My personal thoughts — qavah (H6960, wait) is Strong's to bind together, like a cord twisted from many strands; and its daughter is tiqvah (H8615, expectation) — literally a cord, and so, hope. The waiting in scripture is not empty sitting; it is a binding of the soul to God, until the waiting itself becomes a cord that holds: your expectation will not be cut off (Proverbs 23:18). And arek (H750, patient) simply means LONG — long of spirit, slow to anger; the same word appears in the LORD's own name, when he calls himself merciful and gracious, longsuffering (Exodus 34:6). The patient person wears his Father's likeness.)

I. CRAWLING — HOW TO FIND IT

(My personal thoughts — every walk begins low, and no one is born fully grown in patience. It must first be FOUND; and these witnesses show where: it is found in the scriptures, it is given by the God of patience, and it is worked in you by the testing of your faith. A baby cannot run; he can cry, and he can wait to be picked up. Start there. And notice this above all: before you ever waited for God, God waited for you.)

A. Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience [**G5281 hupomone**] and comfort [**G3874 paraklesis**] of the scriptures might have

hope.

WHATSOEVER THINGS WERE WRITTEN AFORETIME WERE WRITTEN FOR OUR LEARNING → THROUGH PATIENCE AND COMFORT OF THE SCRIPTURES = HOPE.

(My personal thoughts — here is where patience is found: in the SCRIPTURES. The things written long ago were written for your learning; the patience comes OF the scriptures — you will find it in the book, among those who waited there before you. Open it the way a child opens his father's door.)

B. Romans 15:5 Now the God of patience [G5281 hupomone] and consolation [G3874 paraklesis] grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

THE GOD OF PATIENCE AND CONSOLATION → GRANT YOU TO BE LIKEMINDED ONE TOWARD ANOTHER ACCORDING TO CHRIST JESUS.

(My personal thoughts — notice the name: the God OF PATIENCE. The scriptures hold it, but God gives it; the book is his hand reaching down to the lowly one. The one who made the baby teaches the baby: seek the gift from the giver himself.)

C. James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations [G3986 peirasmos];
COUNT IT ALL JOY → WHEN YE FALL INTO DIVERS TEMPTATIONS.

D. James 1:3 Knowing this, that the trying [G1383 dokimion] of your faith worketh [G2716 katergazomai] patience [G5281 hupomone].

THE TRYING OF YOUR FAITH = WORKETH PATIENCE.

E. James 1:4 But let patience [G5281 hupomone] have her perfect [G5046 teleios] work, that ye may be perfect and entire [G3648 holokleros], wanting nothing.

LET PATIENCE HAVE HER PERFECT WORK → THAT YE MAY BE PERFECT AND ENTIRE, WANTING NOTHING.

(My personal thoughts — see how patience comes to the baby: it is WORKED. dokimion (G1383, trying) is a testing, the way metal is tested; and katergazomai (G2716, works) is Strong's to work fully, to accomplish. The trial is not sent to break you; it is the working of patience in you. And holokleros (G3648, entire) means whole in every part — let it finish, and no part of you will be lacking.)

F. 2 Peter 1:5-6 And beside this, giving all diligence [G4710 spoude], add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience [G5281 hupomone]; and to patience godliness;

GIVING ALL DILIGENCE, ADD → TO TEMPERANCE PATIENCE + TO PATIENCE GODLINESS.

(My personal thoughts — patience is not given by itself; it is ADDED, in order, the way a child grows joint by joint. It stands after self-control and before godliness on the way up; you cannot skip a step of it.)

G. Luke 8:15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep [G2722 katecho] it, and bring forth fruit [G2592 karpophoreo] with patience [G5281 hupomone].

AN HONEST AND GOOD HEART + HAVING HEARD THE WORD, KEEP IT → BRING FORTH FRUIT WITH PATIENCE.

(My personal thoughts — the word is found by hearing, but it is held by patience. katecho (G2722, keep) is Strong's to hold fast, to hold down. The baby who wants to grow must hold on to what he hears; and the fruit does not come the same hour — it comes WITH PATIENCE.)

H. Isaiah 30:18 And therefore will the LORD wait [H2442 chakah], that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait [H2442 chakah] for him.

THE LORD WAIT, THAT HE MAY BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU → BLESSED ARE ALL THEY THAT WAIT FOR HIM.

I. Isaiah 64:4 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth [H2442 chakah] for him.

NEITHER HATH THE EYE SEEN, O GOD, BESIDE THEE → WHAT HE HATH PREPARED FOR HIM THAT WAITETH FOR HIM.

(My personal thoughts — set the two side by side, because the wait-word is one word, chakah (H2442, wait) — see the tags. The LORD WAITS, so that he may be gracious to you; and he has PREPARED something for the one who waits for

him. Before the baby ever waited for his Father, the Father waited for the baby. You learn patience from One who has already shown it toward you.)

J. Psalm 40:1 I waited patiently [H6960 qavah] for the LORD; and he inclined [H5186 natah] unto me, and heard my cry.

I WAITED PATIENTLY FOR THE LORD → HE INCLINED UNTO ME, AND HEARD MY CRY.

(My personal thoughts — in the language it was first written in, the word stands doubled — in waiting I waited — qavah (H6960, wait) upon qavah. The baby has no strength except a cry; and the LORD INCLINED — natah (H5186, inclined) is Strong's to stretch out, to bow down — he bends down to the lowly one, the way a father stoops to a child on the ground. Wait, and cry out: he hears.)

K. Lamentations 3:25 The LORD is good unto them that wait [H6960 qavah] for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

THE LORD IS GOOD UNTO THEM THAT WAIT FOR HIM + TO THE SOUL THAT SEEKETH HIM.

L. Lamentations 3:26 It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait [H1748 duwmam] for the salvation of the LORD.

IT IS GOOD → BOTH HOPE AND QUIETLY WAIT FOR THE SALVATION OF THE LORD.

M. Lamentations 3:27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke [H5923 ol] in his youth [H5271 naur].

IT IS GOOD FOR A MAN → THAT HE BEAR THE YOKE IN HIS YOUTH.

(My personal thoughts — three GOODS stand together in one place: the LORD is good to those who wait; it is good to hope and quietly wait; it is good to carry the yoke in one's YOUTH. duwmam (H1748, quietly wait) is Strong's still, silently — the quiet waiting is a still waiting, not a complaining one. And the yoke is placed on early: patience learned young is carried lightly. Begin low, begin small, and begin; then rise to your feet, and walk.)

II. WALKING — WHAT TO DO WITH IT WHEN THOU HAST IT

(My personal thoughts — the baby is on his feet; now comes the walk. Patience is not something to store in a chest; it is a garment to be PUT ON, and a way to be walked in, day by day, among people. Notice the two tasks of this stage in the witnesses: possess your soul with it, and put it on toward everyone — because the walk of patience is walked among fellow believers, and among those who test you.)

A. Luke 21:19 In your patience [G5281 hupomone] possess [G2932 ktaomai] ye your souls.

IN YOUR PATIENCE → POSSESS YE YOUR SOULS.

(My personal thoughts — ktaomai (G2932, possess) is Strong's to get, to acquire, to own. A person's own soul is held by his patience: lose the patience, and the soul is carried where it does not want to go. Take hold of your own house first; then walk out the door.)

B. Colossians 3:12 Put on [G1746 enduo] therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering [G3115 makrothumia];

PUT ON, AS THE ELECT OF GOD → KINDNESS + HUMBLENESS OF MIND + MEEKNESS + LONGSUFFERING.

(My personal thoughts — enduo (G1746, put on) is Strong's to clothe, the way a garment is put on. Longsuffering is part of the clothing of the chosen: it is put on every day, the way a person puts on his coat before going out. Walk clothed.)

C. Ephesians 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk [G4043 peripateo] worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

WALK WORTHY → OF THE VOCATION WHEREWITH YE ARE CALLED.

D. Ephesians 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering [G3115 makrothumia], forbearing [G430 anechomai] one another in love;

WITH ALL LOWLINESS AND MEEKNESS, WITH LONGSUFFERING → FORBEARING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE.

(My personal thoughts — here is the walking itself: the walk worthy of the calling is walked WITH LONGSUFFERING. And anechomai (G430, forbearing) is Strong's to hold yourself up against, to bear with — one another must be BORNE, the way a burden is carried, and carried IN LOVE. Your brother is the field where your patience walks.)

E. Colossians 1:11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience [G5281 hupomone] and longsuffering [G3115 makrothumia] with joyfulness;

STRENGTHENED WITH ALL MIGHT, ACCORDING TO HIS GLORIOUS POWER → UNTO ALL PATIENCE AND LONGSUFFERING WITH JOYFULNESS.

(My personal thoughts — both words of the study stand in one line — see the tags: all patience (G5281) and longsuffering (G3115) — the abiding under and the long spirit together. And the strength for both is not your own, but HIS glorious power; and the end of both is not a heavy face, but JOYFULNESS.)

F. Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering [G3115 makrothumia], gentleness, goodness, faith,

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT → LOVE + JOY + PEACE + LONGSUFFERING + GENTLENESS + GOODNESS + FAITH.

(My personal thoughts — longsuffering grows on the Spirit's own tree. Walk in the Spirit, and the fruit comes as you walk: it is not made by hands; it is BORNE, the way a branch bears fruit.)

G. 1 Thessalonians 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient [G3114 makrothumeo] toward all men.

WARN THEM THAT ARE UNRULY + COMFORT THE FEEBLEMINDED + SUPPORT THE WEAK + BE PATIENT TOWARD ALL MEN.

H. Psalm 37:7 Rest [H1826 damam] in the LORD, and wait patiently [H2342 chuwl] for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

REST IN THE LORD + WAIT PATIENTLY FOR HIM → FRET NOT THYSELF.

(My personal thoughts — damam (H1826, rest) is Strong's to be silent, to be still: the rest of patience is a quiet mouth. And the psalm knows what your eyes will see along the way — the person whose path prospers, even though he is not righteous. FRET NOT: patience walks past the prosperity of the wicked without breaking its step.)

I. Proverbs 16:32 He that is slow [H750 arek] to anger is better than the mighty [H1368 gibbor]; and he that ruleth [H4910 mashal] his spirit than he that taketh a city.

HE THAT IS SLOW TO ANGER IS BETTER THAN THE MIGHTY → HE THAT RULETH HIS SPIRIT THAN HE THAT TAKETH A CITY.

(My personal thoughts — the world considers the mighty man great, the one who captures cities; the word considers the patient man greater. arek (H750, slow) means LONG — long of spirit before anger; and mashal (H4910, rules) is Strong's to rule, to have dominion. The patient man already has a kingdom: his own spirit, ruled.)

J. Ecclesiastes 7:8 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient [H750 arek] in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

BETTER IS THE END OF A THING THAN THE BEGINNING → THE PATIENT IN SPIRIT IS BETTER THAN THE PROUD IN SPIRIT.

(My personal thoughts — patience and pride are set against each other, because pride cannot wait; it must have the thing NOW. But better is the END of a thing — and only the patient in spirit sees the end. Hold on to this word; the finish line will open it up.)

K. James 5:7 Be patient [G3114 makrothumeo] therefore, brethren, unto the coming [G3952 parousia] of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman [G1092 georgos] waiteth [G1551 ekdechomai] for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience [G3114 makrothumeo] for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

BE PATIENT UNTO THE COMING OF THE LORD → THE HUSBANDMAN WAITETH FOR THE PRECIOUS FRUIT OF THE EARTH + HATH LONG PATIENCE FOR IT.

L. James 5:8 Be ye also patient [G3114 makrothumeo]; stablish [G4741 sterizo] your hearts: for the coming [G3952 parousia] of the Lord draweth nigh [G1448 eggizo].

BE YE ALSO PATIENT + STABLISH YOUR HEARTS → THE COMING OF THE LORD DRAWETH NIGH.

(My personal thoughts — the farmer teaches the walker. He waits — ekdechomai (G1551, waits), Strong's to expect, to look for — and the fruit he waits for is PRECIOUS; no one waits a long time for something worthless. So the walk of patience is a walk toward an arrival: be patient too, because the Lord himself is coming near. And sterizo (G4741, establish) is Strong's to set fast — a heart set fast does not wander from the way. Now get ready for action; the race is ahead of you.)

III. RUNNING THE RACE — YIELD IT LIKE A SOLDIER IN GOD'S ARMY

(My personal thoughts — now the walk becomes a race, and the race a war. Notice the great word of this stage: the race is run WITH PATIENCE — and the race-word itself, see the tag under the first witness, G73, is Strong's conflict, contention,

fight, race: to run this race IS to fight this fight. God's runner is God's soldier: he endures hardship, he does not get entangled, and he offers the parts of his body to God — and the instruments he offers, see the tag, G3696, are weapons of war in the old language.)

A. Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses [G3144 **martus**], let us lay aside every weight [G3591 **ogkos**], and the sin which doth so easily beset [G2139 **euperistatos**] us, and let us run with patience [G5281 **hupomone**] the race [G73 **agon**] that is set before us,

LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT + THE SIN WHICH DOTHSO EASILY BESET US → RUN WITH PATIENCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US.

(My personal thoughts — here the whole study stands in five words: RUN WITH PATIENCE THE RACE. Patience is not only the slow man's virtue; it is the runner's strength. And the runner travels light — every weight laid aside, so that the patience is spent on the race, and not on the burden.)

B. Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author [G747 **archegos**] and finisher [G5051 **teleiotes**] of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured [G5278 **hupomeno**] the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

LOOKING UNTO JESUS, THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH → FOR THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS.

C. Hebrews 12:3 For consider him that endured [G5278 **hupomeno**] such contradiction [G485 **antilogia**] of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied [G2577 **kamno**] and faint [G1590 **ekluo**] in your minds.

CONSIDER HIM THAT ENDURED → LEST YE BE WEARIED AND FAINT IN YOUR MINDS.

(My personal thoughts — where does the runner fix his eyes? Not on his feet, and not on the other runners: LOOKING TO JESUS. The race was run before you by its author and finisher: he endured — hupomeno (G5278, endured), he stayed under — the cross itself, for the joy set before him. When your patience grows weak, think about HIM; the looking is the strength.)

D. Hebrews 10:36 For ye have need of patience [G5281 **hupomone**], that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise [G1860 **epangelia**].

YE HAVE NEED OF PATIENCE → AFTER YE HAVE DONE THE WILL OF GOD, YE MIGHT RECEIVE THE PROMISE.

(My personal thoughts — the runner's need is not speed; the preacher has said, the race is not to the swift. The promise stands at the end of the DOING, and patience carries the doer from the doing to the receiving. You NEED it: no one finishes without it.)

E. 2 Timothy 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness [G2553 **kakopatheo**], as a good soldier [G4757 **stratiotes**] of Jesus Christ.

ENDURE HARDNESS = AS A GOOD SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST.

F. 2 Timothy 2:4 No man that warreth [G4754 **strateuomai**] entangleth [G1707 **empleko**] himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

NO MAN THAT WARRETH ENTANGLETH HIMSELF WITH THE AFFAIRS OF THIS LIFE → THAT HE MAY PLEASE HIM WHO HATH CHOSEN HIM.

(My personal thoughts — the runner and the soldier are the same person. The runner lays aside every weight; the soldier does not get entangled: both travel light, and both do it for the eyes of ONE — the one who chose him. Patience offered to God is a soldier's patience: it stands firm when the flesh wants to run away, the way a soldier stands his ground in the evil day.)

G. 2 Timothy 2:10 Therefore I endure [G5278 **hupomeno**] all things for the elect's [G1588 **eklektos**] sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

I ENDURE ALL THINGS FOR THE ELECT'S SAKES → THAT THEY MAY ALSO OBTAIN THE SALVATION WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS.

(My personal thoughts — notice WHY the soldier endures: not for himself alone, but for the sake of the ELECT, so that THEY may obtain it. Patience offered as a soldier is patience spent for other people. The runner runs for the prize; the soldier endures for the whole army.)

H. 2 Timothy 2:12 If we suffer [G5278 hupomeno], we shall also reign with [G4821 sumbasileuo] him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

IF WE SUFFER, WE SHALL ALSO REIGN WITH HIM.

(My personal thoughts — see the tag, and notice it well: the word translated SUFFER here is G5278, the very endure-word of this whole study — if we ENDURE, we will also reign with him. The suffering of the soldier and the patience of the saint are one word; and the end of that one word is a THRONE.)

I. Romans 6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments [G3696 hoplon] of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield [G3936 paristemi] yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments [G3696 hoplon] of righteousness unto God.

YIELD YOURSELVES UNTO GOD, AS THOSE THAT ARE ALIVE FROM THE DEAD + YOUR MEMBERS AS INSTRUMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS UNTO GOD.

(My personal thoughts — hoplon (G3696, instruments) is Strong's armour; instrument, WEAPON: the body parts of the surrendered man are weapons of righteousness in God's hand. Patience is such a weapon — surrender it, and the battle belongs to the LORD. A weapon does not fight for itself; it lies entirely in the hand that holds it.)

J. Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary [G1573 ekkakeo] in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint [G1590 ekluo] not.

LET US NOT BE WEARY IN WELL DOING → IN DUE SEASON WE SHALL REAP, IF WE FAINT NOT.

(My personal thoughts — the farmer's word comes back to the runner: IN DUE SEASON. The harvest has a set season, just as the race has a set finish line; and the only way to lose the harvest is to give up before it. Doing good, held with patience, is never sown in vain.)

K. Revelation 14:12 Here is the patience [G5281 hupomone] of the saints: here are they that keep [G5083 tereo] the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

HERE IS THE PATIENCE OF THE SAINTS → THEY THAT KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, AND THE FAITH OF JESUS.

(My personal thoughts — God has an army, and its mark is patience: HERE IS THE PATIENCE OF THE SAINTS. It is not a patience that sits still; it KEEPS — the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus — the way a soldier guards what is entrusted to him.)

L. Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait [H6960 qavah] upon the LORD shall renew [H2498 chalaph] their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run [H7323 ruwts], and not be weary; and they shall walk [H3212 yalak], and not faint.

THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH → RUN, AND NOT BE WEARY + WALK, AND NOT FAINT.

(My personal thoughts — the runner who does not give up has the secret of the one who waits: those who WAIT on the LORD renew their strength. The waiting is the running-strength. chalaph (H2498, renew) is Strong's to change, to pass on — the strength of the one who waits is exchanged for HIS. Run like that, and the finish line is ahead of you.)

IV. THE FINISH LINE — PATIENCE, AND THE WORD, ABIDETH FOR EVER

(My personal thoughts — every race has an end, and this end is not a wall; it is a receiving. Hear what stands beyond the line for the patient man: the promise inherited, the crown given, the expectation that will not be cut off — and beneath it all, the word that promised them all, which lasts forever. The patient man and the abiding word belong to each other: the one who does the will of God lasts forever; just like the word he kept.)

A. Hebrews 6:12 That ye be not slothful [G3576 nothros], but followers of them who through faith and patience [G3115 makrothumia] inherit the promises.

BE NOT SLOTHFUL → FOLLOWERS OF THEM WHO THROUGH FAITH AND PATIENCE INHERIT THE PROMISES.

B. Hebrews 6:15 And so, after he had patiently endured [G3114 makrothumeo], he obtained [G2013 epitugchano] the promise.

AFTER HE HAD PATIENTLY ENDURED → HE OBTAINED THE PROMISE.

(My personal thoughts — the promise-road is proven by a man who finished it: AFTER he had patiently endured, he OBTAINED it. There is no other road to the promises of God but this one — faith and patience — and it is a road others have finished before you: be a follower of those who finished.)

C. Romans 5:4 And patience [G5281 hupomone], experience [G1382 dokime]; and experience, hope:

PATIENCE, EXPERIENCE → EXPERIENCE, HOPE.

D. Romans 5:5 And hope [G1680 elpis] maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

HOPE MAKETH NOT ASHAMED → THE LOVE OF GOD IS SHED ABROAD IN OUR HEARTS BY THE HOLY GHOST.

(My personal thoughts — notice where the chain ends. Patience produces dokime (G1382, experience) — Strong's says proof, something tested and found true; and the proof produces hope; and the hope does not put us to shame. Patience does not end in weariness; it ends in a hope that cannot be shamed, poured out in the heart by the Holy Ghost.)

E. James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth [G5278 hupomeno] temptation: for when he is tried [G1384 dokimos], he shall receive the crown [G4735 stephanos] of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT ENDURETH TEMPTATION → WHEN HE IS TRIED, HE SHALL RECEIVE THE CROWN OF LIFE.

(My personal thoughts — dokimos (G1384, tried) is Strong's APPROVED, like metal that has passed through the fire. The testing of the first mile has become the approving at the last; and the crown is not wages — it is PROMISED, to those who love him.)

F. Revelation 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful [G4103 pistos] unto death, and I will give thee a crown [G4735 stephanos] of life.

FEAR NONE OF THOSE THINGS → BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH, AND I WILL GIVE THEE A CROWN OF LIFE.

G. Revelation 3:10 Because thou hast kept [G5083 tereo] the word of my patience [G5281 hupomone], I also will keep [G5083 tereo] thee from the hour of temptation [G3986 peirasmos], which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

THOU HAST KEPT THE WORD OF MY PATIENCE → I ALSO WILL KEEP THEE FROM THE HOUR OF TEMPTATION.

(My personal thoughts — hear the greatest word of the study: the word of MY patience — the patience is HIS before it is yours. And the keeping is doubled — see the tags, one word, G5083, twice: you have KEPT my word; I also will KEEP you. The one who keeps the word of his patience is himself kept by the Lord of it.)

H. Revelation 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast [G2902 krateo] which thou hast, that no man take thy crown [G4735 stephanos].

HOLD THAT FAST WHICH THOU HAST → THAT NO MAN TAKE THY CROWN.

(My personal thoughts — at the finish line the command is short: HOLD FAST. krateo (G2902, hold fast) is Strong's to use strength, to retain — a strong man's grip. The crown is already spoken of as YOURS — your crown; patience is the hand that holds it until he comes.)

I. Proverbs 23:18 For surely there is an end; and thine expectation [H8615 tiqvah] shall not be cut off.

SURELY THERE IS AN END → THINE EXPECTATION SHALL NOT BE CUT OFF.

(My personal thoughts — remember the word from the walking stage, better is the END of a thing — and here is the promise of the end: SURELY THERE IS AN END. And see the tag: tiqvah (H8615, expectation) is the daughter of qavah, the wait-word, and Strong's says it is literally A CORD. The waiting soul is bound to his God like a cord; and a cord can be cut — but THIS cord will NOT be cut off. The patient man's hope holds all the way over the line.)

J. 1 John 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth [G3306 meno] for ever.

THE WORLD PASSETH AWAY → HE THAT DOETH THE WILL OF GOD ABIDETH FOR EVER.

(My personal thoughts — set this beside the runner's need: you have need of patience, so that, AFTER YOU HAVE DONE THE WILL OF GOD, you may receive the promise. The patient man is the doer of the will; and the doer of the will LASTS FOREVER — meno (G3306, abides), the very stay-word hidden inside hupomone. The world runs its own race and passes away; the patient man remains when the world is gone.)

K. 1 Peter 1:25 But the word of the Lord endureth [G3306 meno] for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURETH FOR EVER + THIS IS THE WORD WHICH BY THE GOSPEL IS PREACHED UNTO YOU.

L. Isaiah 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word [H1697 **dabar**] of our God shall stand for ever.

THE GRASS WITHERETH, THE FLOWER FADETH → THE WORD OF OUR GOD SHALL STAND FOR EVER.

(My personal thoughts — set Peter beside Isaiah, and hear one voice: the word of our God shall stand forever; the word of the Lord lasts forever — and the endure-word, see the tag, G3306, is the abide-word. The word you kept with patience lasts forever; and the one who does the will of God lasts forever WITH it. Nothing waited for in God is lost at the finish line.)

MOUTH OF TWO

James 1:3 Knowing this, that the trying [G1383 **dokimion**] of your faith worketh [G2716 **katergazomai**] patience [G5281 **hupomone**].

THE TRYING OF YOUR FAITH = WORKETH PATIENCE.

Romans 5:3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations [G2347 **thlipsis**] also: knowing that tribulation worketh [G2716 **katergazomai**] patience [G5281 **hupomone**];

WE GLORY IN TRIBULATIONS → TRIBULATION WORKETH PATIENCE.

1 Peter 1:7 That the trial [G1383 **dokimion**] of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing [G602 **apokalupsis**] of Jesus Christ:

THE TRIAL OF YOUR FAITH = MUCH MORE PRECIOUS THAN OF GOLD → FOUND UNTO PRAISE AND HONOUR AND GLORY AT THE APPEARING OF JESUS CHRIST.

2 Corinthians 13:1 This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses [G3144 **martus**] shall every word be established.

IN THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES SHALL EVERY WORD BE ESTABLISHED.

(My personal thoughts — three witnesses, and two pairs of one word. James says, the trying of your faith produces patience; Paul says, tribulation produces patience — and the work-word is one word, see the tags, G2716, to work fully. And James's TRYING and Peter's TRIAL are also one word, G1383: James tells what the trial PRODUCES — patience; Peter tells what the trial is WORTH — much more precious than gold. In the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter is established: the trial is the workman, patience is the work, and its worth is more than gold.)

THE SHADOW AND THE FULFILLMENT

Shadow Job 13:15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust [H3176 **yachal**] in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

THOUGH HE SLAY ME, YET WILL I TRUST IN HIM.

Fulfillment James 5:11 Behold, we count them happy which endure [G5278 **hupomeno**]. Ye have heard of the patience [G5281 **hupomone**] of Job, and have seen the end [G5056 **telos**] of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

WE COUNT THEM HAPPY WHICH ENDURE → THE PATIENCE OF JOB + THE END OF THE LORD = VERY PITIFUL, AND OF TENDER MERCY.

Fulfillment 1 Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example [G5261 **hupogrammos**], that ye should follow his steps [G2487 **ichnos**]:

CHRIST ALSO SUFFERED FOR US → LEAVING US AN EXAMPLE, THAT YE SHOULD FOLLOW HIS STEPS.

(My personal thoughts — notice the shadow's own word: Job's TRUST, see the tag, H3176, is the wait-word — Strong's says, to wait, to be patient, to hope. Though he slay me, yet will I WAIT for him — there is the whole patience of Job in one line. And James opens up the end of it: you have SEEN the end the Lord brought, that the Lord is very compassionate and full of tender mercy — the killing was never the end; the mercy was. And the real thing is greater than the shadow: one greater than Job has suffered, and left us an example — hupogrammos (G5261, example), Strong's a copy placed underneath, to trace over — so that you would follow his STEPS. The walk of patience is a walk in steps already printed; follow them to the end, and the end is mercy.)

CLOSING

1 Peter 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered [G3958 **pascho**] a while, make you perfect [G2675 **katartizo**], stablish [G4741 **sterizo**], strengthen [G4599 **sthenoo**], settle [G2311 **themelioo**] you.

THE GOD OF ALL GRACE → AFTER THAT YE HAVE SUFFERED A WHILE → MAKE YOU PERFECT, STABLISH, STRENGTHEN, SETTLE YOU.

Romans 15:13 Now the God of hope [G1680 **elpis**] fill [G4137 **pleroo**] you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE IN BELIEVING → THAT YE MAY ABOUND IN HOPE.

(My personal thoughts — now gather the whole way home, and notice the names of God that carried it. The crawling began at the God of PATIENCE, who gives patience through the scriptures, and who waited for you before you could wait for him. The walking put it on day by day: possess your soul, be patient toward everyone, rest in the LORD and do not fret. The race ran with it and offered it up: run with patience, endure hardship as a good soldier, and if we suffer, we will also reign with him. And the finish line receives by it: through faith and patience inherit the promises; surely there is an end, and your expectation will not be cut off. Now hear the two names that stand at the line: the God of ALL GRACE, who after you have suffered a while makes you perfect, establishes, strengthens, and settles you; and the God of HOPE, who fills you with all joy and peace in believing. The one who taught you to walk will bring you over the line — after the suffering, the settling; and hope does not put us to shame. Walk on, and wait well: the Lord is near.)

7 QUESTIONS

1. James 1:3 — Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh:

- a) godliness
- b) patience
- c) hope

2. Luke 21:19 — In your patience possess ye your:

- a) souls
- b) hearts
- c) promises

3. Hebrews 12:1 — Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience:

- a) the affairs of this life
- b) the joy that was set before him
- c) the race that is set before us

4. Hebrews 10:36 — For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive:

- a) the crown of life
- b) the promise
- c) the early and latter rain

5. Colossians 1:11 — Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with:

- a) meekness
- b) gentleness
- c) joyfulness

6. 2 Timothy 2:12 — If we suffer, we shall also:

- a) reign with him
- b) obtain the salvation

c) receive the promise

7. Revelation 3:10 — Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from:

a) the sin which doth so easily beset us

b) the hour of temptation

c) the world that passeth away

ANSWER KEY: 1-b, 2-a, 3-c, 4-b, 5-c, 6-a, 7-b

HOW THIS STUDY BRANCHES

→ **HOW THE SHADOW BRINGS LIGHT:** JOB SAID, THOUGH HE SLAY ME, YET WILL I TRUST IN HIM (JOB 13:15), AND HIS TRUST-WORD IS THE WAIT-WORD (H3176 — HOPE, TARRY, TRUST, WAIT) — SET IT BESIDE BLESSED ARE ALL THOSE WHO WAIT FOR HIM (ISAIAH 30:18) AND YOU HAVE HEARD OF THE PATIENCE OF JOB (JAMES 5:11), READY FOR ITS OWN STUDY.

→ **HOW THE NEW COVENANT EXPLAINS IT:** TO THE FATHERS IT WAS SAID, REST IN THE LORD, AND WAIT PATIENTLY FOR HIM (PSALM 37:7); TO US IT IS SAID, LET US RUN WITH PATIENCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US (HEBREWS 12:1) — THE WAITING IS BECOME A RUNNING, AND BOTH ARE ONE PATIENCE.

→ **HOW THE WORDS MATTER:** THE PATIENCE OF HEBREWS 12:1 (G5281) IS AN ABIDING UNDER, AND THE PATIENCE OF HEBREWS 6:12 (G3115) IS A LONG SPIRIT, SLOW TO WRATH — THE RACE ASKS FOR THE ONE, THE PROMISE ASKS FOR THE OTHER; AND COLOSSIANS 1:11 SETS BOTH IN ONE LINE — MARK WHICH WORD STANDS IN WHICH PLACE, AND WHY.

→ **HOW IT REACHES TO ETERNITY:** HE WHO DOES THE WILL OF GOD ABIDES FOREVER (1 JOHN 2:17), AND YOU HAVE NEED OF PATIENCE, THAT, AFTER YOU HAVE DONE THE WILL OF GOD, YOU MIGHT RECEIVE THE PROMISE (HEBREWS 10:36) — THE PATIENT DOER OF THE WILL IS THE MAN WHO LIVES FOREVER.

→ **RABBIT TRAIL:** THE FARMER WHO WAITS FOR THE PRECIOUS FRUIT OF THE EARTH (JAMES 5:7) STANDS BESIDE THE GOOD GROUND THAT BRINGS FORTH FRUIT WITH PATIENCE (LUKE 8:15) — THE SOWER, THE GROUND, AND THE HARVEST OF PATIENCE, READY FOR ITS OWN STUDY.

→ **POSSIBLE REVELATION:** THE WORD RENDERED SUFFER IN 2 TIMOTHY 2:12 (G5278) IS THE VERY ENDURE-WORD OF THE STUDY — IF WE SUFFER IS IF WE ENDURE, AND THE END OF IT IS A THRONE; AND THE EXPECTATION OF PROVERBS 23:18 (H8615, TIQVAH) IS IN THE OLD TONGUE LITERALLY A CORD, THE DAUGHTER OF THE WAIT-WORD QAVAH (H6960) — THE WAITING SOUL IS BOUND TO GOD AS A CORD, AND THAT CORD SHALL NOT BE CUT OFF.