

Waiting on God by Andrew Murray, day 14 - Patience in waiting on God

Ps 40:1-3 **I waited patiently for the Lord, He listened to me, and heard my cry. He brought me up out of a horrible pit (of thoughts) out of the miry clay, and set my feet on a rock, and established my steps (my words. He has put a new song in my mouth, Praise to our God; many will see it and fear (love Him) and will trust in the LORD.**

True patience is so foreign to our self-confident human nature, but it is so indispensable in our waiting upon God, it is such an essential element of true faith...

The word patience is derived from the word for suffering. It suggests being under the constraint of some power from which we would rather be free. At first we submit, under sufferance; but experience teaches us that when it is useless to resist, patient endurance is our wisest course. In waiting on God it is of infinite consequence that we not only submit, because we are compelled to, but because we lovingly and joyfully consent to be in the hands of our blessed Father. Patience then honors God, and gives Him time to have His way with us. It is the highest expression of our faith in His goodness and faithfulness. It brings the soul perfect rest in the assurance that God is carrying on His work. It is the token of our full consent that God should deal with us in such a way and time as He thinks best. True patience is the losing of our self-will in His perfect will.

Such patience is needed for the true and full waiting on God; it is the growth and fruit of our first lessons in the school of waiting. It means; The great stillness of soul before God that sinks into its own helplessness and waits for Him to reveal Himself; The deep humility that is afraid to let its own will work except as God works to will and to do; The meekness that is content to be and to know nothing except as God gives His light; The entire resignation of the will that only wants to be a vessel in which His holy will can move and mold; All these elements of perfect patience are not found at once. But they will come in measure as the soul maintains its position, and continually says: **"Truly my soul waits on God; from Him comes my salvation. He is my rock and salvation"**. Ps 62:1

Col 1:11 **We pray that you are strengthened with all might (His word), by His glorious power (His Spirit), unto all Patience and long-suffering with joy.** Yes, we need to be if we are to wait on God in all patience. It is God revealing Himself in us as our life and strength that will enable us with perfect patience to leave all in His hands. If any are inclined to despair, because they have not such patience, let them be of good courage; in the course of our feeble and imperfect waiting God Himself, by the power of His word and His Spirit in us, works out in us the patience of the saints, the patience of Christ Himself.

Remember patience is God's gift, and pray this prayer: 2 Thess. 3:5 **"The Lord direct my heart into...the patience of Christ"** into the patience with which you are to wait on God. He will guide you into: Rom 15:4 **"the patience and comfort of the Scriptures..."**

Psa 62:5 **My soul (my will), wait only upon God for my expectation is from Him.**

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