

# **Patience Of Job**

**2-22-26**

James 5:10 (ESV)

As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**In the previous section, James gave us the illustration of a farmer tending his crops for an example of being patient. We were able to see how God works and the benefits of being patient and waiting on God. Now James gives us an illustration of OT prophets as an example of being patience and waiting on God. These prophets trusted God through suffering and further reveal to us the rewards of patience. We have OT prophets like Jeremiah who patiently suffered trusting God to intervene in their situations. Even in our suffering Jesus is standing at the door. Many other OT prophets serve as great examples. Hebrews Chapter 11 honors many of these prophets. Interestingly, of all these great prophets, James chooses to single out Job and specifically honor him for his patience. Many don't consider Job patient because of his complaining. However, Job persevered and never denied God.**

James 5:11 (ESV)

Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

**We see here that through Job's steadfastness, God specifically wanted to reveal HIS purpose and HIS compassion and mercy. These are specific lessons, God wants us to learn from Job. Thus, we need to understand the circumstances surrounding Job's suffering. God allows us to peak into the heavenlies and witness one of the most fascinating accounts in the Bible.**

Job 1:6-7 (ESV) NO/OH

<sup>6</sup> Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. <sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." **(This is a statement of ownership, which explains God's reply, "Satan you don't own everything just fastened your eyes on MY servant Job.")**

Job 1:8-12 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered **(literally fastened your eyes on)** my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?” **(Some people try to attribute some sin to Job, which is a huge error.)** <sup>9</sup> Then Satan answered the LORD and said, “Does Job fear God for no reason? <sup>10</sup> Have you not put a “hedge” around him and his house and all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. <sup>11</sup> But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.” **(Satan is saying take away Job’s possessions and he will curse you. Therefore, God answers, “Go ahead take everything away and you will see that he will never deny me.)** <sup>12</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has is in your hand.” So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD: **and all hell breaks loose on Job.**

- **Here is the most important point of the Book of Job. Satan was saying to God that Job doesn’t truly love you.**

He just loves what he can get from you. If you take away his physical possessions, he will curse you to your face. **The whole issue is Job's relationship with God.** Therefore, God said to Satan, "Go ahead take everything away and he will still love me!" **With God as with Satan, the whole issue is Job's relationship with God.** *This is the whole purpose of the Book Job.* Brothers and sisters, this is the primary reasons why believers should be patient in suffering. We are demonstrating to Satan, the whole demonic world, and every unbeliever, **WHO WE LOVE.** Job persevered and Satan lost. Job did complain a lot, but he never denied or cursed God. At the end of the suffering, God appears to Job and gives him 5 chapters on God's divine majesty. Job clearly understood and repented of his grumbling. Job 42:5–6 (ESV)

I had heard of YOU by the hearing of the ear,  
but now my eye sees YOU,  
and I repent in dust and ashes.

Through the steadfastness of Job, we have seen the purpose of God.

**GOD'S PURPOSE IS TO SHOW WHO DO WE LOVE.**

**Also, through the steadfastness of Job, we have seen how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. Job's situation was extreme, he lost everything, but after the suffering God restored him and gave him twice as much as he had before.**

Job 42:10 (ESV)

The LORD restored the fortunes of Job. The LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

### **GOD WILL REWARD OUR PATIENT WAITING.**

James 1:2–4 (ESV) NO/OH

<sup>2</sup> Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup> for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup> And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

**Even Jesus for the joy set before HIM, our salvation, endured the cross.**

Hebrews 12:2 (ESV)

Jesus, who for the joy that was set before HIM endured the cross and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.