

**Agape House of Worship
Midweek Service & Bible Study**

**Book Study: Epistle of James
Part 10: Patience and Prayer**

**Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2022
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Scripture focus: James 5:7-8, 13-18 NIV

Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

CASE STUDY:

Luke 18:1-8. NIV Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' **"For some time he refused. But finally, he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"** And the Lord said, **"Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"**

INTRODUCTION:

DEFINITION OF PATIENCE: Patience is the ability to wait, or to continue doing something despite difficulties, or to suffer without complaining or becoming annoyed.

2. The capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset. Patience is one of the gifts of the spirit. It is a virtue that helps to overcome seasons of suffering and challenges. It is a virtue that is needed daily as we journey in this life. Whether on the road, at home, at work, raising children, facing challenges, or waiting for answers. Romans 12:12, Psalm 40:1, Romans 8:25, Hebrews 10:36

Galatians 5:22 AMP But the fruit of the Spirit [the result of His presence within us] is love [unselfish concern for others], joy, [inner] peace, **patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting]**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

THE PRAYER OF FAITH.

QUESTION: What is a prayer of faith? Why do we pray?

James 5:15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

- Prayer is communication with our Lord that grows because of our relationship with Him
- The prayer of faith is the prayer offered in faith by the righteous with confidence that God is willing and able to do what He has promised. 1 John 5:14, Heb 11:6
It is powerful and effective. James 5:16b.
- Asking God to accomplish what He has promised in His Word. Inviting heaven to take control of the situation on earth. Mathew 6:9

The prayer of Faith is not just when we are sick but used in every situation of our life. Jeremiah 3:33. We use it when we are praying for ourselves, Praying of the Elders over a Sick Person, James 5:14-15, Praying for Each Other: James 5:16

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PATIENCE AND PRAYER OF FAITH

James instructs us to be patient until the coming of the Lord. He compares waiting patiently for the answer to prayer to the farmer waiting for the precious fruit of the earth. When the seed is planted the harvest does not take place in minutes, in days, or even weeks. The harvest takes place over months. The fruit must first grow and then ripen. Maybe you are waiting for an answer to prayer. The answer to that prayer may seem a long time coming. But maybe there is some growth and ripening that needs to take place in your life. If you harvest a crop too soon, it will not provide satisfaction to the one who eats it.

BENEFIT OF PRAYER OF FAITH: The answer to our prayer is not so much about the answer to our prayer but our **relationship** with God. God wants you to know him above all else. Patience helps you to build trust and character. Healing and Health restoration, Sins are forgiven, Deliverance, fruitfulness, etc.

CONCLUSION: Be patient and pray because God still and will always answer prayers. Hebrews 6:12 Amp So that you will not be [spiritually] sluggish, but [will instead be] imitators of those who through faith [lean on God with absolute trust and confidence in Him and His power] and by patient endurance [even when suffering] are [now] inheriting the promises.

