

The Missing Ingredient Part 5: Persecution

In our 5th week we are looking at what the Scriptures teach about patience, specifically to persecution.

Hebrews 10:36

For ye have need of patience, that, after (it is required ingredient) ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

Hebrews 10:36 (NLT)

Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.

Hebrews 6:12

That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Hebrews 6:12 (NLT)

Then you will not become spiritually dull and indifferent. Instead, you will follow the example of those who are going to inherit God's promises because of their faith and endurance.

hypomonē — cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy: — (waiting).

steadfastness, constancy, endurance — in the NT the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings

Matthew 10:22 (KJV Strong's) 22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that **endureth** to the end shall be saved.

hypomenō -- to stay under (behind), i.e. remain; bear (trials), have fortitude, persevere: — abide, endure, (take) patient(-ly), suffer, tarry behind.

Matthew 18:26-35

26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

Matthew 18:26

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Have patience with me...

makrothymēō — to be of a long spirit, not to lose heart
—to persevere patiently and bravely in enduring misfortunes and troubles

—to be patient in bearing the offenses and injuries of others

—to be mild and slow in avenging

—to be longsuffering, slow to anger, slow to punish

James 2:13 (ESV)

13 For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. **Mercy triumphs over judgment.**

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used five times in Revelation:

- Rev 1:9 "...companion in tribulation..."
- Rev 2:9 I know thy works, and **tribulation**, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.
- Rev 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 unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

- future great tribulation Rev. 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great **tribulation**, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; 4 Who **comforteth** us in all our **tribulation**, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble (thlipsis), by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

Thayer's Definition: parakaléo

- to call to one's side, call for, summon
- to address, speak to, (call to, call upon), which may be done in the way of exhortation, entreaty, comfort, instruction, etc.
 - to admonish, exhort
 - to beg, entreat, beseech
 - to strive to appease by entreaty
 - to console, to encourage and strengthen by consolation, to comfort
 - to receive consolation, be comforted
 - to encourage, strengthen
 - exhorting and comforting and encouraging
 - to instruct, teach

2 Timothy 3:10-15 (KJV Strong's) 10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, 11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and

seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. 14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

diōkō -- to persecute: — ensue, follow (after),
-to make to run or flee, put to flight, drive away;
-to run swiftly in order to catch a person or thing, to run after
-in any way whatever to harass, trouble

(JFB) Reason why persecutions must be expected, and these becoming worse and worse as the end approaches. The breach between light and darkness, so far from being healed, shall be widened [ALFORD].

Matthew 5:10-12

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Matthew 5:44

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.

Revelation 2:8-11 (ESV)

“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.

9 “I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but

are a synagogue of Satan. 10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. 11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.'

Revelation 12:11

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Revelation 12:10-14

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. 12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. 13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. 14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not

come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Hebrews 11:35

Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

John 5:16

And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

John 15:20

Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

Acts 9:4-5

And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

Romans 12:9-14

Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. 10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; 11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; 12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; 13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. 14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.