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Patience

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*Wherefore seeing that we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and **let us run with patience the race that is set before us** (Hebrews 12:1).*

Patience is something that we develop as we overcome trials and tribulations by faith in the written Word of God. We are to rule over evil spirits through the Word. We are to minister and pray for sick people and, through faith in the Word of God, see them healed. Sometimes right away (through gifts of healing 1 Corinthians 12:9), yet sometimes we have to keep on believing for the answer over a period of time, and that requires **patience**.

Hebrews 10:35 mentions that we should not cast away our confidence (faith) which has great reward. The next verse then tells us that we have need of **patience**, that, **after** we have done the will of God, we might receive the promise (or the answer to our need that we are believing for based on the Word of God).

Like my grandmother said to the Lord one day when she was dealing with a house full of screaming boys, "Give me patience Lord, give me patience, give it to me quickly."

Verse 37: "**For yet a little while**, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry."

Now the just shall live by faith.

Abraham believed God's promise for about 25 years before he saw it fulfilled when his wife Sarah gave birth to Isaac.

Noah believed God for about forty years, preached repentance, and built an ark on dry land when it had never before rained and saved his family.

Bottom line is that without faith it is impossible to please (hook up or receive from) God (Hebrews 11:6). But **patience goes together with faith and is developed when things don't go our way!**

So let us just keep on believing that God has heard our prayers based on His Word and that the answer (His answer to our need) is on the way. Mark 11:22-24

Scriptures to study : Heb.12:1-4, Heb.10:35-39, Heb. 11, Mark 11:22-24.

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