

"But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it."
Romans 8:25 KJV

Never confuse patience with tolerance. God patiently waits for sinners to repent, but He will never tolerate evil! Evil is ANYTHING that contradicts or disobeys God's Word, including thoughts and words. *ōCasting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God.ö* A white-lie/fib is evil! *ōALL liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.ö* Neglecting to read study, and meditate on God's Word is evil! *ōGive attendance to READING, to exhortation, to doctrine. STUDY to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. This Book of the Law (God's Word) shall not depart out of thy mouth (speech); but THOU SHALT MEDITATE (think) therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to ALL that is written therein.ö* Patient waiting is confident waiting. Patience knows the wait will end in reward. I look forward to Christmas. There are other kinds of waiting; anxious waiting; impatient waiting; angry waiting; and so on. If I



know, from past experience, that Christmas will come at the appointed time, I can calmly endure the wait. Unlike children who hardly think past the setting sun. They wait and wait, but Christmas never seems to come, because they have little past experience. Sooner or later, they realize how short time really is and wish for their youth again! If I have proved God to be utterly reliable in my past then I will surely expect His reliability and steadfastness for any future need He has promised to supply. Most of the time our dissatisfaction and heartache come from desiring what God has not promised nor implied. Constant meditation implants the Truth in the cracks and crevices of our thoughts and paves the high roads of our thinking, so we can confidently request and wait on the Lord's sure answer. *ōAnd this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing ACCORDING TO HIS WILL (Read God's Word and Know), He heareth us: And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.ö* Knowing God's Word means knowing God's express will for His own and avoids frivolous and lustful requests. Those who constantly say, *ōI don't know God's will for my life,ö* are either ignorant of His Word or disobedient to it! *ōAsk, and it shall be given you; But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. For whatsoever is not of faith is sin.ö* Faith trusts and obeys God's Word and confidently await His answer, however long it takes!

Patience calmly waits for God,
Knowing as it onward trods,
Nothing is an obstacle,
To God's Word immutable. ~CGP

If you are anxiously or impatiently waiting on God, you do not trust Him. Patience calms the soul with blessed assurance of Sovereign Grace! *ōGreat Peace have they which love Thy Law and NOTHING shall offend them.ö* It quenches doubt and steadies our hand. It gives us sure footing in the darkness of evil that surrounds us. It allows Joy the throne of our heart and stills the stormy soul!

"Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." Hebrews 10:35-36 KJV