

# The Patience of Job

(James 5:11)

- Introduction:
1. Two words that I would use to describe Job and the book of Job are suffering and patience, yet the book of Job never once uses the word patience, and only once uses the word suffering
  2. It's from the book of James from which we get the expression, "The patience of Job."
  3. Let's examine what this passage says about the patience of Job and the goodness of God.

## I. Introduction to Job

- A. Consider what all Job lost in one day.
- B. Could you have coped with such loss?
- C. How hurt would you be? How angry? How disillusioned?
- H. This is the setting for the book of Job.

## II. The Patience Of Job

- A. His first reaction was to worship God (Job 1:20).
  1. Song - Where could I go but to the Lord?
  2. (John 6:68) to whom shall we go...
- B. He endured when his family was unwilling.
  1. (Job 2:9).
  2. How difficult it is to have a spouse who opposes and hinders you.
- C. He endured the clumsiness of his friends.
  1. (Job 2:13) Their intentions were good, but they only compounded his problem.
- D. He endured what he didn't want to endure.
  1. No one would choose what befell Job.
  2. Job certainly didn't want it, and in fact, lamented even being born (Job 3).
  3. Given the proper motive, people will endure great hardship and suffering.
- E. He endured in the midst of his own failure to understand.
  1. (Job 42:3) Job admitted that he didn't understand what was going on.
  2. But must a failure to understand of all God's workings destroy our faith?
  3. (Exodus 14:1-4; Habakkuk 1-3).

## III. How Can We Be Men and Women of Patience Like Job?

- A. Turn to God's word for answers.
  1. (Luke 24:22,25-27).
  2. Doesn't God's word have answers for our guilt, suffering, and loss?
- B. Trust the intended end by the Lord!
  1. (James 5:11).
  2. (Romans 8:28; Matthew 28:20).

- Conclusion:
1. When life caves in around you, don't ever give up.
  2. Be patient, turn to the Scriptures for strength, and trust that God has an end for you that is consistent with his compassion and mercy.