

Job Was Not Patient

"I loathe my very life; therefore I will give free rein to my complaint and speak out in the bitterness of my soul" (Job 10:1).

Job was a man who suffered the loss of everything: his health, his children, his financial security. Everything good, every source of comfort, everything he loved was suddenly gone. Job knew he wasn't sinless, but he also knew he wasn't guilty of the terrible sins his friends accused him of. They were more interested in defending their mistaken view of perfect justice in this life, than they were in comforting their ruined friend.

Job wished he could defend himself in a cosmic court of law and believed an advocate would be there to speak in his defense. He was right about "the advocate." We know him as Jesus, but in his day poor Job had no comforting knowledge of his Savior.

As Job suffered, his wife turned against him and his friends became his accusers. Job cried out in his pain chapter after chapter. He complains about God. He is impatient with God (see chapters 9 and 10). But no matter how much he hurt, he never abandoned God, and he never cursed God. Satan boldly predicted Job would do both, but Satan was wrong. Job endured.

By the last chapter we learn that Job made it. He stuck with God even when he had no reason to. We have a mistaken saying that talks about "the patience of Job." Job was not patient. But he did persevere. That's what James 5:11 says, *"You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy."*

Job, though impatient, stuck with God all the way to the end. God has patience with us even when we are not with him. You also can face any adversity in life and still hold on to God.

I don't know if we appreciate how wonderful the Bible is. It is truthful about life. It asks disturbing questions even of God. It is the most realistic, boldly unafraid book ever written. These qualities don't make it the Word of God; but it is *because* it is the Word of God that it has these qualities.

Mark

Cathedral Kitchen Homeless Meal: A group from here will serve a meal on August 29th. If you can help, please see Vivian.

Let's Be "On-Time" to 9:30 Bible Class: If you get here, so will our children and teens. It's the most important appointment in your week and theirs!

Camp Ladies Retreat: Sept. 8-9. The Theme is **"Come Thirsty."** To register & pay go to www.manatawny.org. Pay by Sept. 1st and save. Bulletin Board has more info.

Camp Men's Retreat: is Sept. 15-16, Friday evening into Saturday, at Camp Manatawny. The theme is **"Relentless."** **We are renting a van at no cost to you.** There is a *sign-up sheet* on the bulletin board for those who are sure they are going so Bill can order the right-sized van.

To Register & Pay for the Men's Retreat go to www.manatawny.org and click on "retreats". See the bulletin board for more details and to sign-up to ride in the free van. See Bill Ceraso if you have questions.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Carl Smith

Welcome & Scripture: Scott Schoener (Psalm 61:1-5)

Opening Prayer: Tate Perazzelli

Lord's Supper: Larry DeSimone, Henry D., Tim Jones, John Corbett

Scripture Before Message: Logan McEntire (1 Cor. 5:9-13)

Announcements & Closing Prayer: Tony Ceraso, Jr.

Nursery: Lillian & Elaine Next Week: Nawana & Jaela

Blue Cleaning Team Aug. 30-Sept. 2

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Worship 96

Bible Class 54

Wednesday PM 32

Contribution \$2,492

Budget Goal \$4,260

15-Minutes Daily with GOD: 23

Blessed is the one

who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,

² but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.

³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season

and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.

⁴ Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶ For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked leads to destruction. – **Psalm 1**

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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain**
of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)



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Allie ANSWERS

God's Call