

~ENDURANCE (528)

[Greek, verb *hy-po-me'no*, noun *hy-po-mo-ne'*]

.. Why Needed

.. How Maintained

.. Proper View Of Trials

- The Greek verb *hy-po-me'no*, literally meaning remain or stay under, is rendered remain behind in,
- And completed the days. But when they were returning, the boy Jesus **remained behind** in Jerusalem, and his parents did not notice it. (Luke 2:43)
- Then the brothers immediately sent Paul off to go as far as the sea, but both Silas and Timothy **remained behind** there. (Acts of Apostles 17:14)
- It also came to have the sense stand ones ground, persevere, **remain steadfast**, and is thus translated **endure**.
- But he that has endured to the end is the one that will be saved. (Matthew 24:13)
- The noun *hy-po-mo-ne'* usually denotes courageous, steadfast, or patient **endurance** that does not lose hope in the face of obstacles, persecutions, trials, or temptations.

.. Why Needed

- Among the things Christians may have to face **are indifference on the part of others, reproach, misrepresentation, intense hostility, hatred by close family members, mistreatment, imprisonment, and even death.**
- Happy are those who have been persecuted for righteousness sake, since the kingdom of the heavens belongs to them. (Matthew 5:10)
- Happy are you when people reproach you and persecute you and lyingly say every sort of wicked thing against you for my sake. (Matthew 5:11)

- Rejoice and leap for joy, since your reward is great in the heavens, for in that way they persecuted the prophets prior to you. (**Matthew 5:12**)
- Look! I am sending you forth as sheep amidst wolves, therefore prove yourselves cautious as serpents and yet innocent as doves. (**Matthew 10:16**)
- Be on your guard against men, for they will deliver you up to local courts, and they will scourge you in their synagogues. (**Matthew 10:17**)
- Why, you will be haled before governor's and kings for my sake, for a witness to them and the nations. (**Matthew 10:18**)
- However, when they deliver you up, do not become anxious about how or what you are to speak, for what you are to speak will be given you in that hour. (**Matthew 10:19**)
- For the ones speaking are not just you, but it is the spirit of your Father that speaks by you. (**Matthew 10:20**)
- Further, brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise up against parents and will have them put to death. (**Matthew 10:21**)
- And you will be objects of hatred by all people on account of my name, but he that has endured to the end is the one that will be saved. (**Matthew 10:22**)
- Then people will deliver you up to tribulation and will kill you, and you will be objects of hatred by all the nations on account of my name. (**Matthew 24:9**)
- Then, also, many will be stumbled and will betray one another and will hate one another. (**Matthew 24:10**)
- And they took no note until the flood came and swept them all away, so the presence of the Son of man will be. (**Matthew 24:39**)
- As for you, look out for yourselves, people will deliver you up to local courts, and you will be beaten in synagogues and be put on the stand before governor's and kings for my sake, for a witness

to them. (**Mark 13:9**)

- Furthermore, brother will deliver brother over to death, and a father a child, and children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. (**Mark 13:12**)
- And you will be objects of hatred by all people on account of my name. But he that has endured to the end is the one that will be saved. (**Mark 13:13**)
- If anyone is meant for captivity, he goes away into captivity. If anyone will kill with the sword, he must be killed with the sword. Here is where it means the **endurance** and faith of the holy ones. (**Revelation 13:10**)
- This calls for **endurance**. Without this essential quality, a person simply could not come into possession of eternal life.
- Everlasting life to those who are seeking glory and honor and incorruptibleness by **endurance** in work that is good. (**Romans 2:7**)
- For you have need of **endurance**, in order, that, after you have done the will of God, you may receive the fulfillment of the promise. (**Hebrews 10:36**)
- Here is where it means **endurance** for the holy ones, those who observe the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. (**Revelation 14:12**)
- This is because what counts is the finish, not how well a person may have started in the course of Christian discipleship. As Jesus Christ expressed it; He that has endured to the end is the one that will be saved.
- But he that has endured to the end is the one that will be saved. (**Matthew 24:13**)
- By **endurance** on your part you will acquire your souls. (**Luke 21:19**)
- Persons who quickly accept the word of God, but only on a surface level, lack **endurance**. They soon give up under tribulation or persecution, losing out on God's approval and blessing. But those who

develop deep appreciation for the word of God endure steadfastly. They bear fruit with endurance, faithfully continuing to proclaim God's message despite hardship, suffering, and discouragement.

- **Now the illustration means this. The seed is the word of God. (Luke 8:11)**
- **Those upon the rock-mass are the ones who, when they hear it, receive the word with joy, but these have no root, they believe for a season, but in a season of testing they fall away. (Luke 8:13)**
- **As for that on the fine soil, these are the ones that, after hearing the word with a fine and good heart, retain it and bear fruit with **endurance**. (Luke 8:15)**

.. How Maintained

- **Contemplating the fine example set by God's servants the pre-Christian prophets, Job, the apostles Paul and John, and many more and noting the outcome of their faithful course can be a great stimulus in maintaining **endurance** when one is experiencing suffering.**
- **In no way are we giving any cause for stumbling, that our ministry might not be found fault with. (2 Corinthians 6:3)**
- **But in every way we recommend ourselves as God's ministers, by the **endurance** of much, by tribulations, by cases of need, by difficulties. (2 Corinthians 6:4)**
- **By beatings, by prisons, by disorders, by labors, by sleepless nights, by times without food. (2 Corinthians 6:5)**
- **By purity, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by Holy Spirit, by love free from hypocrisy. (2 Corinthians 6:6)**
- **By truthful speech, by God's power, through the weapons of righteousness on the right hand and on the left. (2 Corinthians 6:7)**
- **Through glory and dishonor, through bad report and good report, as deceivers and yet truthful. (2 Corinthians 6:8)**
- **As being unknown and yet being recognized, as dying and yet,**

look! we live, as disciplined and yet not delivered to death. (**2 Corinthians 6:9**)

- As sorrowing but ever rejoicing, as poor but making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing all things. (**2 Corinthians 6:10**)
- Indeed, the signs of an apostle were produced among you by all **endurance**, and by signs and portents and powerful works. (**2 Corinthians 12:12**)
- As a result we ourselves take pride in you among the congregations of God because of your **endurance** and faith in all your persecutions and the tribulations that you are bearing. (**2 Thessalonians 1:4**)
- But you have closely followed my teaching, my course of life, my purpose, my faith, my long-suffering, my love, my **endurance**. (**2 Timothy 3:10**)
- My persecutions, my sufferings, the sort of things that happened to me in Antioch, in Iconium, in Lystra, the sort of persecutions I have borne, and yet out of them all the Lord delivered me. (**2 Timothy 3:11**)
- In fact, all those desiring to live with godly devotion in association with Christ Jesus will also be persecuted. (**2 Timothy 3:12**)
- Brothers, take as a pattern of the suffering of evil and the exercising of patience the prophets, who spoke in the name of Yehowah. (**James 5:10**)
- Look! We pronounce happy those who have endured. You have heard of the **endurance** of Job and have seen the outcome Yehowah gave, that Yehowah is very tender in affection and merciful. (**James 5:11**)
- I John, your brother and a sharer with you in the tribulation and kingdom and **endurance** in company with Jesus, came to be in the isle that is called Patmos for speaking about God and bearing witness to Jesus. (**Revelation 1:9**)

- Especially should the flawless **endurance** of Jesus Christ be kept prominently in view.
- As we look intently at the Chief Agent and Perfecter of our faith, Jesus. For the joy that was set before him he **endured** a torture stake, despising shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (**Hebrews 12:2**)
- Indeed, consider closely the one who has **endured** such contrary talk by sinners against their own interests, that you may not get tired and give out in your souls. (**Hebrews 12:3**)
- For if someone, because of conscience toward God, **bears up under grievous things and suffers unjustly**, this is an agreeable thing. (**1 Peter 2:19**)
- For what merit is there in it if, when you are sinning and being slapped, you **endure** it? But if, when you are doing good and you **suffer, you endure it, this is a thing agreeable with God**. (**1 Peter 2:20**)
- In fact, to this course you were called, because even Christ suffered for you, leaving you a model for you to follow his steps closely. (**1 Peter 2:21**)
- He committed no sin, nor was deception found in his mouth. (**1 Peter 2:22**)
- When he was being reviled, he did not go reviling in return. When he was suffering, he did not go threatening, but kept on committing himself to the one who judges righteously. (**1 Peter 2:23**)
- He himself bore our sins in his own body upon the stake, in order, that we might be done with sins and live to righteousness. And by his stripes you were healed. (**1 Peter 2:24**)
- It is also important never to lose sight of the Christian hope, eternal life in a sinless state. Not even death at the hands of persecutors can nullify this hope.
- **Endurance**, in turn, an approved condition, the approved condition, in turn, hope. (**Romans 5:4**)

- And the hope does not lead to disappointment, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, which was given us. (**Romans 5:5**)
- For we bear incessantly in mind your faithful work and your loving labor and your **endurance** due to your hope in our Lord Jesus Christ before our God and Father. (**1 Thessalonians 1:3**)
- Do not be afraid of the things you are about to suffer. Look! The Devil will keep on throwing some of you into prison that you may be fully put to the test, and that you may have tribulation ten days. Prove yourself faithful even to death, and I will give you the crown of life. (**Revelation 2:10**)
- The suffering of the present will pale into insignificance when compared with the fulfillment of that grand hope.
- Consequently I reckon that the sufferings of the present season do not amount to anything in comparison with the glory that is going to be revealed in us. (**Romans 8:18**)
- For the eager expectation of the creation is waiting for the revealing of the sons of God. (**Romans 8:19**)
- For the creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will but through him that subjected it, on the basis of hope (**Romans 8:20**)
- That the creation itself also will be set free from enslavement to corruption and have the glorious freedom of the children of God. (**Romans 8:21**)
- For we know that all creation keeps on groaning together and being in pain together until now. (**Romans 8:22**)
- Not only that, but we ourselves also who have the firstfruits, namely, the spirit, yes, we ourselves groan within ourselves, while we are earnestly waiting for adoption as sons, the release from our bodies by ransom. (**Romans 8:23**)
- For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope, for when a man sees a thing, does he hope for it? (**Romans 8:24**)
- But if we hope for what we do not see, we keep on waiting for it

with **endurance**. (**Romans 8:25**)

- **Against the backdrop of eternity, any suffering, though intense at the time, is momentary and light.**
- **Therefore we do not give up, but even if the man we are outside is wasting away, certainly the man we are inside is being renewed from day to day. (2 Corinthians 4:16)**
- **For though the tribulation is momentary and light, it works out for us a glory that is of more and more surpassing weight and is everlasting. (2 Corinthians 4:17)**
- **While we keep our eyes, not on the things seen, but on the things unseen. For the things seen are temporary, but the things unseen are everlasting. (2 Corinthians 4:18)**
- **A persons remembering the temporary nature of trials and holding fast to the Christian hope can prevent his giving in to despair and becoming unfaithful to Yehowah God.**
- **Endurance in the Christian way is not dependent on personal strength. It is the Most High who, by means of his spirit and the comfort from the Scriptures, sustains and fortifies his servants.**
- **He supplies endurance to those who rely fully on him, and so Christians rightly pray for his help, including the wisdom needed to deal with a particular trial.**
- **For all the things that were written aforetime were written for our instruction, that through our endurance and through the comfort from the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)**
- **Now may the God who supplies endurance and comfort grant you to have among yourselves the same mental attitude that Christ Jesus had. (Romans 15:5)**
- **So, if any one of you is lacking in wisdom, let him keep on asking God, for he gives generously to all and without reproaching, and it will be given him. (James 1:5)**
- **Yehowah will never permit anyone's being submitted to a trial that would be impossible for him to bear. If a person looks to Him for**

aid, not losing faith but trusting completely in Yehowah, the Almighty will make the way out so that he is able to **endure**.

- No temptation has taken you except what is common to men. But God is faithful, and he **will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear**, but along with the temptation he will also make the way out in order for you to be able to **endure** it. (**1 Corinthians 10:13**)
- We are persecuted, but not left in the lurch, we are thrown down, but not destroyed. (**2 Corinthians 4:9**)
- There is no limit to the strength on which Christians can draw when undergoing suffering. The apostle Paul's prayer for the Colossians was that they be made powerful with all power to the extent of God's glorious might so as to endure fully and be long-suffering with joy.
- Being made powerful with all power to the extent of his glorious might so as to endure fully and be long-suffering with joy. (**Colossians 1:11**)
- An example of this glorious might in operation is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and his exaltation to the right hand of the Father.
- And what the surpassing greatness of his power is toward us believers. It is according to the operation of the mightiness of his strength. (**Ephesians 1:19**)
- With which he has operated in the case of the Christ when he raised him up from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places. (**Ephesians 1:20**)
- Far above every government and authority and power and lordship and every name named, not only in this system of things, but also in that to come. (**Ephesians 1:21**)
- Yehowah God and his Son want all to succeed. This is evident from the **encouragement** regarding **endurance** that Jesus Christ gave to members of Christian congregations at Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.
- To the angel of the congregation in Ephesus write. These are the

things that he says who holds the seven stars in his right hand, he who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands. **(Revelation 2:1)**

- I know your deeds, and your labor and **endurance**, and that you cannot bear bad men, and that you put those to the test who say they are apostles, but they are not, and you found them liars. **(Revelation 2:2)**
- You are also showing **endurance**, and you have borne up for my names sake and have not grown weary. **(Revelation 2:3)**
- And to the angel of the congregation in Smyrna write. These are the things that he says, the First and the Last, who became dead and came to life again. **(Revelation 2:8)**
- I know your tribulation and poverty, but you are rich, and the blasphemy by those who say they themselves are Jews, and yet they are not but are a synagogue of Satan. **(Revelation 2:9)**
- Do not be afraid of the things you are about to suffer. Look! The Devil will keep on throwing some of you into prison that you may be fully put to the test, and that you may have tribulation ten days. Prove yourself faithful even to death, and I will give you the crown of life. **(Revelation 2:10)**
- And to the angel of the congregation in Pergamum write. These are the things that he says who has the sharp, long two-edged sword. **(Revelation 2:12)**
- I know where you are dwelling, that is, where the throne of Satan is, and yet you keep on holding fast my name, and you did not deny your faith in me even in the days of Antipas, my witness, the faithful one, who was killed by your side, where Satan is dwelling. **(Revelation 2:13)**
- And to the angel of the congregation in Thyatira write. These are the things that the Son of God says, he who has his eyes like a fiery flame, and his feet are like fine copper. **(Revelation 2:18)**
- I know your deeds, and your love and faith and ministry and **endurance**, and that your deeds of late are more than those formerly. **(Revelation 2:19)**

- Nevertheless, you do have a few names in Sardis that did not defile their outer garments, and they shall walk with me in white ones, because they are worthy. (**Revelation 3:4**)
- He that conquers will thus be arrayed in white outer garments, and I will by no means blot out his name from the book of life, but I will make acknowledgment of his name before my Father and before his angels. (**Revelation 3:5**)
- And to the angel of the congregation in Philadelphia write. These are the things he says who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens so that no one will shut, and shuts so that no one opens. (**Revelation 3:7**)
- Because you kept the word about my **endurance**, I will also keep you from the hour of test, which is to come upon the whole inhabited earth, to put a test upon those dwelling on the earth. (**Revelation 3:10**)
- I am coming quickly. Keep on holding fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. (**Revelation 3:11**)
- And to the angel of the congregation in Laodicea write. These are the things that the Amen says, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation by God. (**Revelation 3:14**)
- All those for whom I have affection I reprove and discipline. Therefore be zealous and repent. (**Revelation 3:19**)
- Look! I am standing at the door and knocking. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into his house and take the evening meal with him and he with me. (**Revelation 3:20**)
- To the one that conquers I will grant to sit down with me on my throne, even as I conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. (**Revelation 3:21**)

.. Proper View Of Trials

- Knowing that a person's eternal future depends on **endurance** and that he can be confident of assistance from on high, Christians should not dread trials and tribulations, resenting them or giving in to complaint, self-pity, or bitterness. The apostle Paul admonished; Exult

while in tribulations, since we know that tribulation produces endurance.

- And not only that, but let us exult while in tribulations, since we know that tribulation produces **endurance**. (**Romans 5:3**)
- Trials borne patiently and steadfastly with divine help reveal that a Christian possesses the needed quality of **endurance** something that was not known in actuality and by experience before the tribulation began.
- **Endurance** should be allowed to have its work complete by letting the trial run its full course without any attempts to use unscriptural means to bring it to a swift end. Then, **faith will be tested and refined, and its sustaining power will be revealed**.
- Areas of weakness may be exposed, putting the Christian in a position to see defects and to make needed improvements. The molding effect of trials **endured** faithfully **can make a person more patient, sympathetic, compassionate, kind, and loving when dealing with fellow human's**.
- Thus, by permitting **endurance** to have its work complete, a person will not be lacking in anything that Yehowah God looks for in his approved servants.
- Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you meet with various trials. (**James 1:2**)
- Knowing as you do that this tested quality of your faith works out **endurance**. (**James 1:3**)
- But let **endurance** have its work complete, that you may be complete and sound in all respects, not lacking in anything. (**James 1:4**)