

TODAY'S MESSAGE

THE CALL TO

Patience

JAMES 5:7-12

P.1725



Cambridge Dictionary:

“Patience is the ability to wait calmly, endure difficult or tedious circumstances, or persevere through problems and delays without getting angry, upset, or complaining.”

- Delays
- Hardships
- Sustained efforts
- People

James 5:7-12 (pg 1725)

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¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

¹² Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No." Otherwise you will be condemned.

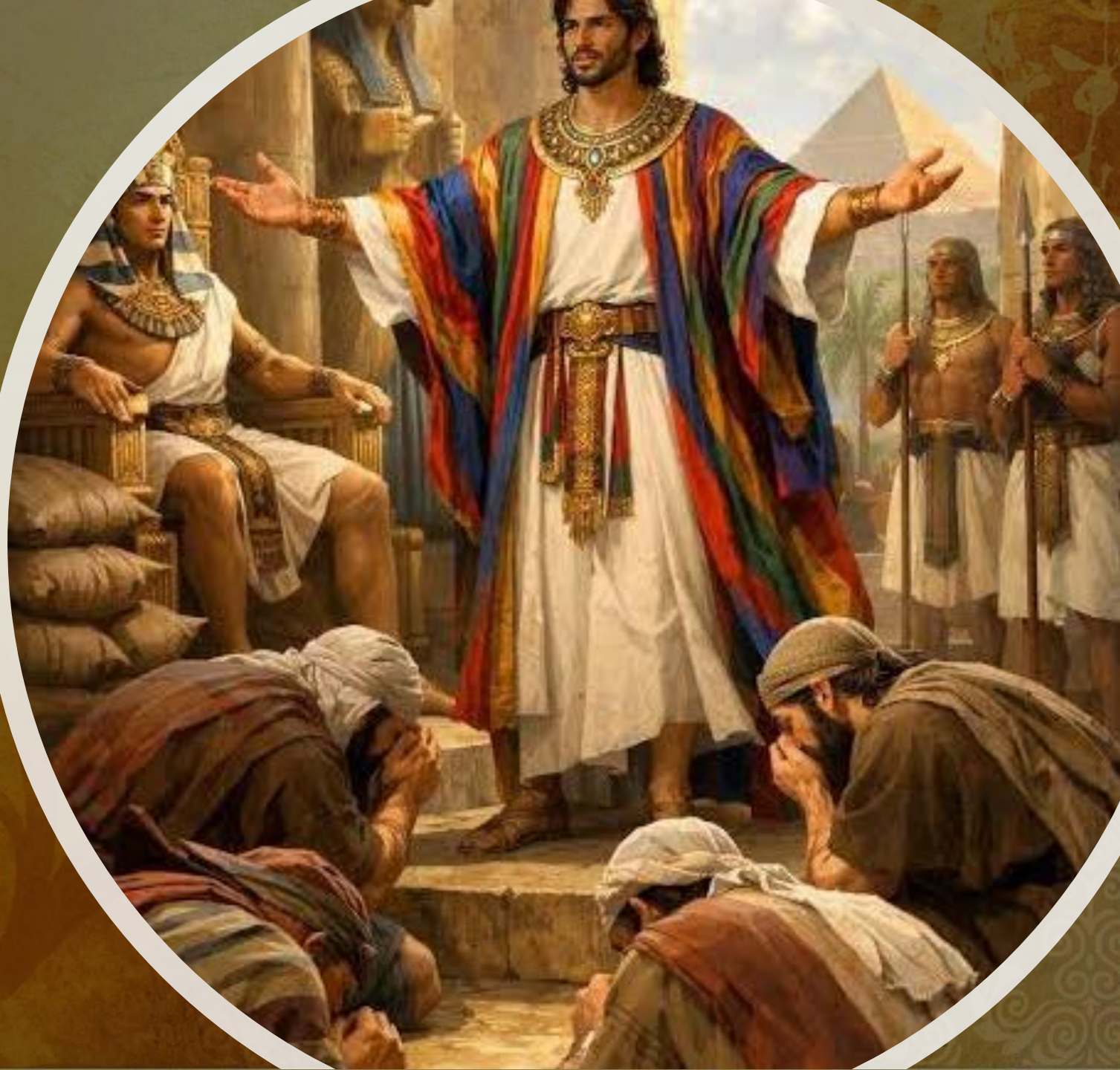
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Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Romans 12:12

¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.

James 1:3-4

³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Benefits of Patience:

Better decision-making: Helps you avoid hasty choices driven by anger or frustration.

Emotional resilience: Cultivates inner strength, calm acceptance, and long-term focus during setbacks.

Character building: Develops gradually over time through handling everyday challenges and discomfort.

"A man to whom it is given to wait for a reward keeps up his courage, and when he has to wait, he says, 'It is no more than I expected. **I never reckoned that I was to slay my enemy at the first blow.** I never imagined that I was to capture the city as soon as ever I had digged the first trench; I reckoned upon waiting, and now that is come, I find that God gives me the grace to fight on and wrestle on, till the victory shall come.' And patience saves a man from a great deal of haste and folly."

Charles Spurgeon