

## Youth Sunday School – God and Patience – 12/6/20

- Fighter verse
- Pray in light of fighter verse
- New City Catechism
  - Question 19: Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor? Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer. (Isaiah 53:10-11)
  - Question 20: Who is the Redeemer? The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself. (1 Tim. 2:5)
- Review patience memory verses.

### **Review**

- What is Patience?

### **God and Patience**

#### **1. God patiently forgives.**

- Read Matthew 18:23-26. What does this part of the parable say about God's patience towards us?
- Romans 2:4 "Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?"
  - What does this verse say that God's patience is meant to bring about?
    - What is repentance?
  - When we repent, what does God give us? 1 John 1:9
    - This is possible only because God is patient.
- Proverbs 24:16 "for the righteous falls seven times and rises again, but the wicked stumble in times of calamity".
  - What characterizes the righteous person?
  - What does this say about God that even though we fall he still calls us righteous if we turn to him in true repentance?
- 1 Timothy 1:15-16 "The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life."
  - How does saving the apostle Paul show God's perfect patience?
- Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. What does God do to demonstrate his patience with those who have broken his covenant?

#### **2. God's patience demonstrates who he is.**

- Romans 9:22 "What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction"
  - In this verse, what does God's patience display about Him?
  - For example, Romans 9:17 says "For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."
    - What purposes does God's patience with Pharaoh serve?

- Read Exodus 32:7-14. What does God show about himself in being patient with Israel rather than destroying them?

- This is what God intended to show by His actions > Exodus 34:6-7 "The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

- Look back at 1 Timothy 1:15-16.

- What other aspects of God are shown through His patience in saving the "foremost" of sinners?

### **Assignment for next time: fill out Bible study worksheet on 2 Peter 3:8-15a.**

- Prayer Requests - What are ways that God has been patient with you?

***For Next Time: - Read Chapter 14 of Practice of Godliness, "Patience".***

***- Keep memorizing the verse you've chosen.***

#### **Patience Memory Verses (pick at least 1)**

- Psalm 40:1 "I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry"

- Proverbs 25:5 "With patience a ruler may be persuaded, and a soft tongue will break a bone."

- 1 Timothy 2:24 "And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil"

- 1 Thessalonians 5:14 "And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all."

2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."

### Study Guide

- What is Patience? (Patience joyfully accepts delay, suffering, and the shortcomings of others.)

1. God patiently forgives.

- Read Matthew 18:23-26. What does this part of the parable say about God's patience towards us? (that he is willing to forgive our sin rather than exact punishment, the man in the parable says he will pay everything and God recognizes that he could never pay the debt and so patiently forgives – just like he does with us and our debt of sin)

- What does this verse say that God's patience is meant to bring about? (repentance)

- What is repentance? (a heart-deep grieving of sin and turning away from it and towards God)

- When we repent, what does God give us? 1 John 1:9 (forgiveness, cleanness)

- What characterizes the righteous person? (when he falls/sins he gets back up again, he repents of his sin and turns to God again, they keep fighting but from the heart and not just a going through the motions)

- What does this say about God that even though we fall he still calls us righteous if we turn to him in true repentance? (he patiently bears with our failures)

- How does saving the apostle Paul show God's perfect patience? (it shows that He is willing to save sinners – even "the worst", Paul persecuted the church but God saved him to testify that no sin is too great that Jesus blood couldn't make the payment, God patiently waits until sinners come to Him and then has mercy on them in forgiving their sin)

- Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. What does God do to demonstrate his patience with those who have broken his covenant? (he makes a new covenant where he puts the law within us, he makes us know Him, he forgives our sin)

2. - In this verse, what does God's patience display about Him? (his wrath and his power)

- What purposes does God's patience with Pharaoh serve? (to show God's power, that his name might be proclaimed in all the earth)

- Read Exodus 32:7-14. What does God show about himself in being patient with Israel rather than destroying them? (his faithfulness to his promises, his forbearance with sin)

- What other aspects of God are shown through His patience in saving the "foremost" of sinners? (his mercy, his forbearance, his sovereignty over all things, his faithfulness to those who believe in him)