

HIS DESIGN | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 | WEEK 4

Lesson 4: THE FRUIT OF LONGSUFFERING

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. GALATIANS 5:22-23

INTRODUCTION:

DEFINITION: *"makro"*—slow

DEFINITION: "thumos"—wrath

DEFINITION: *"longsuffering"*—slow to wrath; long endurance or patience

And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, EXODUS 34:6

The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation. NUMBERS 14:18

Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: EPHESIANS 4:26

THE _____ OF LONGSUFFERING

But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, 2 CORINTHIANS 6:4

Lancaster Baptist Church • 4020 E. Lancaster Blvd. • Lancaster, CA 93535 661.946.4663 • lancasterbaptist.org • Paul Chappell, Pastor *Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.* JAMES 5:10

A. We persevere because of God's _____

For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? HEBREWS 12:6-7

It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes. PSALM 119:71

But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. GENESIS 50:20

B. We persevere because of God's _____

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to

the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. ROMANS 8:28-29

2 THE _____ OF LONGSUFFERING

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. PSALM 46:10

A. With Our _____

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. EPHESIANS 4:29

B. With _____ Around Us

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. EPHESIANS 4:1-3

Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: 1 PETER 2:23

3 THE _____ OF LONGSUFFERING

A. The Deliverance of _____

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 PETER 3:9

Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting. 1 TIMOTHY 1:16

B. The Deliverance of the _____

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. And account [that] the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; 2 PETER 3:13-15

CONCLUSION:

Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. JAMES 5:8