

GOD'S PATIENCE WITH ISRAEL

1. Some Divine titles of God

1. The God of patience, Romans 15:5, 6; God of hope, 15:13; God of peace, 15:33; Heb. 13:20.

2. Patience means LONGSUFFERING.

(1) God's LONGSUFFERING (his patience) is His "power" of self-restraint.

(2) The wicked interpret his longsuffering quite differently: Ecc. 8:11; Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

(3) God's longsuffering toward us: 2 Peter 3:9; The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but it longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2. The Occasion of God's anger with Israel (Judges 2:11-15)

1. The evil of the Children of Israel, Judges 2:11; And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim.

2. The nature of Israel's apostasy:

1. It consisted in forsaking God: All sin begins at this point.

(1) We cannot serve God and mammon, Matt. 6:24.

3. Causes of Israel's apostasy: Four causes

1. Defective education.

(1) A new "generation arose which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel." 2:10

(2) The former generation must have failed its children.

(3) Right education of the young is the supreme task and most important task of the church today. Her continued existence depends on this.

2. Circumstances of ease

(1) They often exhibited a great moral heroism in the wilderness, and just as often melted under the sun of prosperity.

(2) Worldly comfort often brings great inducement to religious negligence. 2 Tim. 4:10

3. Tolerance of evil

(1) Indifference and indolence in regard to sin presently about us is certain to open the doors of sin and temptation to our children.

(2) The earlier generation had failed to extirpate the idolatry of Canaan. See chapter 9 of Joshua.

4. Worldly attractions of the lower life

1. The service of God involves high spiritual efforts, purity of life, self-sacrifice, and some times difficult tasks.

2. The service of the world is more agreeable to the pleasures of sense and selfishness: It is easier to worship Baal than to worship the Eternal.

GOD RAISES UP JUDGES (Judges 2:17, 17)

1. This marks the riches of God's patience and mercy to Israel.

1. Raised up judges to deliver Israel, they would not hearken, but went a whoring after other gods.

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- 1. The sacrifice of God through His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, for the redemption of all men.
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GOD'S GREAT PATIENCE WITH ISRAEL

NECESSARY TO KNOW GOD

1. To know God is the highest of all knowledge which man can attain. It is the most important knowledge for him to possess. This knowledge of God may be attained in two ways. They are:
 1. By descriptions in the Bible of God's character.
Exodus 20:5, 6; 34:6, 7
 2. By the authentic records of God's acts:
 1. God so loved the world as to give his son for the redemption of the world. John 3:16.
 2. The records of the Saviour's work as set down in the gospels especially. John 4:34; 9:4
2. The GOODNESS and SEVERITY of God. (Romans:11:22); Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness: otherwise thou shalt be cut off. God is noted for two qualities here. They are:
 1. Goodness: Mercy and pity. Longsuffering.
 2. Toward the Gentiles who were one time without hope in the world, had now believed in Christ, and God had now bestowed on them his goodness and mercy.
 2. Severity: Wrath and vengeance.
 2. On the Jews who despite his goodness and mercy to them, the wonders and deliverances he had shown them through many centuries, had turned from him, refused to trust and obey him, God had visited severity and wrath upon them.
 - (1) God here threatens the Gentiles with the same thing:
"...if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou shalt be cut off.
 - (2) God here promises the Jews: "...if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be graffed in..." (Romans 11:23).
 - (3) They have not so sinned but that God can with his moral attributes restore them.

THE POSTHUMOUS INFLUENCE OF JOSHUA

(Judges 2:7. And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord, that he did for Israel).

1. WHY THE FAR REACHING INFLUENCE OF JOSHUA

1. He was severely tested.

1. The failure at Ai. Joshua 7:4,9. "And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the Ark of the Lord."

2. He made no compromise with known sin.

1. The case and sin of Achan. Joshua 7:16-26.

- (1) He would not allow human reason nor feelings to stand in the way of God's word.
- (2) What a lesson for us to beware of the covetousness which is idolatry, "for which things' sake the wrath of God cometh upon the children of disobedience" (Col. 3:5,6).

3. Joshua always gave great prominence to the Word of God. (Joshua 8:30-35.)

1. Joshua built an altar unto the Lord God of Israel, wrote on stones the law of Moses, read every word of it to all Israel. V. 35

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(1) He would not allow human reason not leading to stand in
 the case and sin of woman. Romans 7:15-25

He made no compromise with known sin.
 His love before the work of the Holy Spirit.

1. The nature of sin. Romans 7:15-25 and Romans 7:15-25
 He was completely freed.

2. THE SIN HAVING THE NATURE OF SIN

and seen all the great works of the Holy Spirit that he did for Israel.
 of woman, and all the deeds of the angels that testified of his
 and the Holy Spirit and the people

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S NATURE OF SIN

(2) They were not so struck that they could with his Holy
 Spirit, and he blessed in... Romans 7:15-25

(3) God will promise the same: "...if they abide not still in
 the law."

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