

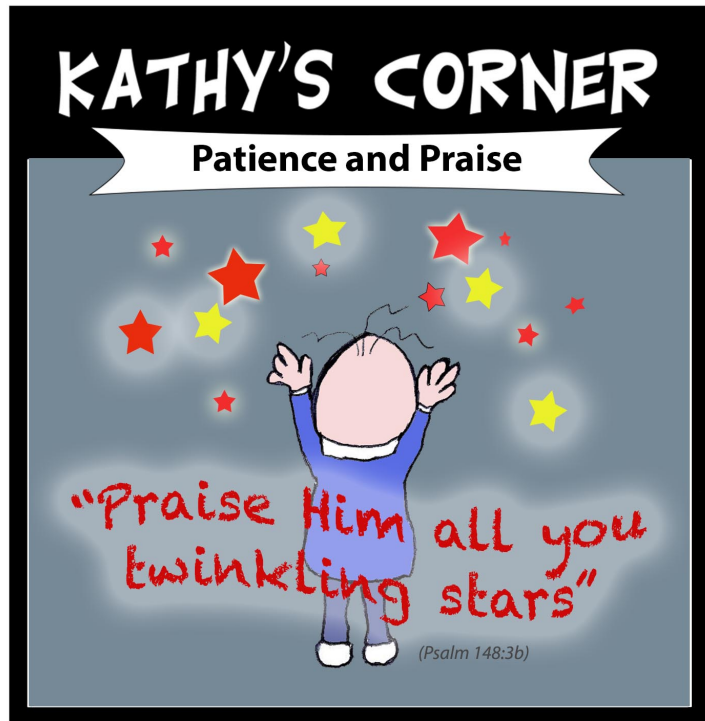
(This is an edited article from times past)

“You have need of patience.”

“Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God’s will. Then you will receive all that he has promised. “For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay.”

(Hebrews 10:36-37 NLT)

One thing that stands out to me is how many of the leaders of questionable teachings thought they heard from God, and would teach what “God said” to people as if it were the word of God equal to the Holy Scriptures of the Bible. Many expected their followers to treat their words as if they were scripture. *They were, after all, his prophets and apostles.* In light of this, it is with Godly fear that I will be writing what I think I heard from God to you. I am asking you to do your part to weigh it against the Holy Bible, as any words I write come through a flawed vessel.



I remember the day I gave my life to the Lord. I remember being on top of the world when I realized I was His daughter—daughter of the King of the Universe. God who had always seemed so far away was now so near. I felt so special. I definitely needed humbling. It is humbling to know that I am one of His “called” and one of His “predestined” *in spite of me!* In spite of the lies I had believed. In spite of the commandments I had willfully broken, He revealed Himself to me because of Who He is. He knew how much I needed Him. I didn’t. So with godly fear and humility of heart I present what I think He said to me for your consideration.

“You have need of patience. I am not on your time clock of fad diets, fast food and overnight delivery. Quality takes time. I am willing to wait. True faith does the same. What need would there be for faith or hope if everything were now? In Ephesians 6 after all of the armor is in place, what do I say? I say stand. Stand! I have given the firm foundation, even My Son, My Word, My covenant and every promise. The teaching of what faith is has been distorted and perverted.

‘The patience of Job’ makes me laugh. His impatience with Me is what you should see. People, don’t rush things. The ‘How to’ books and videos are of little help in knowing Me. I have promised to finish what I have started. I have given you a new life. What in life doesn’t take time to grow?”

Is the Father after a bride who is compatible with His Son, a bride who manifests all the fruit of His Holy Spirit? Patience is part of the fruit. It is part of the character of God who is patient toward us not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (See 2 Peter 3:8-9)

We have need of patience with God. He knows what He is doing in our world. We have need of patience with people. He knows what He is doing with others—they are His work. We have need of patience with ourselves. Growth takes time. Perfection and completeness in this earthly realm takes time. Everything here is subject to time. Meanwhile, we have been invited to have a part in what God

is doing—to pray, to work, to be a blessing to our brothers and sisters, our leaders, and all people; spreading the good news of our Savior and of His kingdom being near, sharing love, sharing our testimony of what we have personally seen Him do in our lives—how He loves us in a very personal way. In this way we may make Him real to others as we wait for His return. Miracles are wonderful; gifts may very well produce these. Signs are proof to unbelievers. Relationships are for His children—the preciousness of being one with Him—of sharing His heart and purpose!

I cannot think of God’s heart without thinking of David—the man after God’s heart. He knew God had anointed him to be king. He knew he was to take Saul’s place, but he let God work everything out in His time; though there was opportunity to kill Saul, possibly speeding things up, David had patience. David had regard for His relationship with his Heavenly Father. The importance of this relationship to him is seen throughout the Psalms of David.

I thought it interesting that the last five Psalms start with, “Praise the Lord,” (*Hallelujah in some translations*) and end with, “Praise the Lord.” These Psalms are saturated with the word “Praise.” Much of the gospel is presented in these five Psalms. As we wait patiently for Him, are we praising Him? This shouldn’t be a task, but joy from our hearts! As I sit reading again these five Psalms, my heart softens. David wrote so many praises to try to express what he felt for his God—his Father. I think he knew that no matter how many expressions of praise he had, that they were totally insufficient to declare the glory of God.

It would also seem that David knew how important praise is for God’s people. I believe it is commanded and a big part of our calling as the people of God. I hope that you will read these five Psalms for yourselves. Let their truth be refreshing to you. I particularly enjoyed them as translated in the New Living Translation. Here is a portion from Psalm 149:4-9:

For the Lord delights in his people;
he crowns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them.
Let them sing for joy as they lie on their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their mouths,
and a sharp sword in their hands—
to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
to bind their kings with shackles
and their leaders with iron chains,
to execute the judgment written against them.

This is the glorious privilege of his faithful ones.
Praise the Lord!

Are we able to say with David, **“Let all that I am praise the LORD. I will praise the LORD as long as I live. I will sing praises to my God with my dying breath.”**? (From Psalm 146:1-2 NLT)

And in Psalm 150:6 NLT, **“Let everything that breathes sing praises to the LORD! Praise the LORD!”** Let every inspiration bring Him praise! Use your breath for His glory!