



IN HIS IMAGE

SLOW TO ANGER

THE IMAGE OF GOD: THEN AND NOW

- AT CREATION: GOOD BUT INCOMPLETE
- POST FALL: MARRED AND BLURRY
- AFTER RETURN OF CHRIST: COMPLETE AND PERFECT

WORK OF THE SPIRIT

- ^{NAS} **2 CORINTHIANS 3:18** BUT WE ALL, WITH UNVEILED FACE BEHOLDING AS IN A MIRROR THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY, JUST AS FROM THE LORD, THE SPIRIT.
- ^{NAS} **GALATIANS 5:22** BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE ...



THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS PATIENCE

PATIENCE IS ...

1. THE QUALITY OF BEING PATIENT, AS THE BEARING OF PROVOCATION, ANNOYANCE, MISFORTUNE, OR PAIN, WITHOUT COMPLAINT, LOSS OF TEMPER, IRRITATION, OR THE LIKE.
2. AN ABILITY OR WILLINGNESS TO SUPPRESS RESTLESSNESS OR ANNOYANCE WHEN CONFRONTED WITH DELAY.
3. QUIET, STEADY PERSEVERANCE; EVEN-TEMPERED CARE; DILIGENCE.

PATIENCE IS ...

- A STATE OF EMOTIONAL CALM IN THE FACE OF PROVOCATION OR MISFORTUNE AND WITHOUT COMPLAINT OR IRRITATION
- PATIENCE, FORBEARANCE, LONG-SUFFERING, SLOWNESS IN AVENGING WRONGS
- PATIENT, LONG-SUFFERING, SLOW TO ANGER (OFTEN OF THE LORD)



THE SLOWNESS TO ANGER OF GOD

GOD IS SLOW TO ANGER

- ^{NAS} **NEHEMIAH 9:17** "AND THEY REFUSED TO LISTEN, AND DID NOT REMEMBER YOUR WONDROUS DEEDS WHICH YOU HAD PERFORMED AMONG THEM; SO THEY BECAME STUBBORN AND APPOINTED A LEADER TO RETURN TO THEIR SLAVERY IN EGYPT. BUT YOU ARE A GOD OF FORGIVENESS, GRACIOUS AND COMPASSIONATE, SLOW TO ANGER, AND ABOUNDING IN LOVINGKINDNESS; AND YOU DID NOT FORSAKE THEM.
- ^{NAS} **PSALM 103:8** THE LORD IS COMPASSIONATE AND GRACIOUS, SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN LOVINGKINDNESS.
- ^{NAS} **ROMANS 2:4** OR DO YOU THINK LIGHTLY OF THE RICHES OF HIS KINDNESS AND FORBEARANCE AND PATIENCE, NOT KNOWING THAT THE KINDNESS OF GOD LEADS YOU TO REPENTANCE?

THE GLORY OF GOD

- MOSES ASKED GOD TO REVEAL HIS GLORY

➤ ^{NAS} **EXODUS 33:18** THEN MOSES SAID, "I PRAY THEE, SHOW ME THY GLORY!"

- GOD SAID NO

➤ ^{NAS} **EXODUS 33:20** BUT HE SAID, "YOU CANNOT SEE MY FACE, FOR NO MAN CAN SEE ME AND LIVE!" ²¹ THEN THE LORD SAID, "BEHOLD, THERE IS A PLACE BY ME, AND YOU SHALL STAND *THERE* ON THE ROCK; ²² AND IT WILL COME ABOUT, WHILE MY GLORY IS PASSING BY, THAT I WILL PUT YOU IN THE CLEFT OF THE ROCK AND COVER YOU WITH MY HAND UNTIL I HAVE PASSED BY. ²³ "THEN I WILL TAKE MY HAND AWAY AND YOU SHALL SEE MY BACK, BUT MY FACE SHALL NOT BE SEEN."

THE GOODNESS OF GOD

- ^{NAS} **EXODUS 33:19** AND HE SAID, "I MYSELF WILL MAKE ALL MY GOODNESS PASS BEFORE YOU, AND WILL PROCLAIM THE NAME OF THE LORD [JEHOVAH] BEFORE YOU; AND I WILL BE GRACIOUS TO WHOM I WILL BE GRACIOUS, AND WILL SHOW COMPASSION ON WHOM I WILL SHOW COMPASSION."
- ^{NAS} **EXODUS 34:5** AND JEHOVAH DESCENDED IN THE CLOUD AND STOOD THERE WITH HIM AS HE CALLED UPON THE NAME OF JEHOVAH. ⁶ THEN JEHOVAH PASSED BY IN FRONT OF HIM AND PROCLAIMED, "JEHOVAH, JEHOVAH, A GOD COMPASSIONATE AND GRACIOUS, SLOW TO ANGER, AND ABOUNDING IN LOVINGKINDNESS AND TRUTH; ⁷ WHO KEEPS LOVINGKINDNESS FOR THOUSANDS, WHO FORGIVES INIQUITY, TRANSGRESSION AND SIN
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GOD IS LOVE

- ^{NAS} **PSALM 103:8** THE LORD IS COMPASSIONATE AND GRACIOUS, SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN LOVINGKINDNESS. ⁹ HE WILL NOT ALWAYS STRIVE *WITH US*; NOR WILL HE KEEP *HIS ANGER* FOREVER. ¹⁰ HE HAS NOT DEALT WITH US ACCORDING TO OUR SINS, NOR REWARDED US ACCORDING TO OUR INIQUITIES. ¹¹ FOR AS HIGH AS THE HEAVENS ARE ABOVE THE EARTH, SO GREAT IS HIS LOVINGKINDNESS TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM. ¹² AS FAR AS THE EAST IS FROM THE WEST, SO FAR HAS HE REMOVED OUR TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US. ¹³ JUST AS A FATHER HAS COMPASSION ON *HIS* CHILDREN, SO THE LORD HAS COMPASSION ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.

DEFINING [AGAPE] LOVE

- ^{ESV} **1 JOHN 4:10** IN THIS IS LOVE, NOT THAT WE HAVE LOVED GOD BUT THAT HE LOVED US AND SENT HIS SON TO BE THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS.
- ^{NIV} **ROMANS 5:8** BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE FOR US IN THIS: WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.
- ^{ESV} **1 JOHN 3:16** BY THIS WE KNOW LOVE, THAT HE LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US ...
- ^{NAS} **JOHN 3:16** "FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

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CONCLUSIONS

IN HIS IMAGE – SLOW TO ANGER

- ^{NAS} **EXODUS 34:6** THEN THE LORD PASSED BY IN FRONT OF HIM AND PROCLAIMED, "THE LORD, THE LORD GOD, COMPASSIONATE AND GRACIOUS, SLOW TO ANGER, AND **ABOUNDING IN LOVINGKINDNESS AND TRUTH**; ⁷ WHO KEEPS LOVINGKINDNESS FOR THOUSANDS, WHO FORGIVES INIQUITY, TRANSGRESSION AND SIN
- ^{NAS} **JAMES 1:18** IN THE EXERCISE OF HIS WILL **HE BROUGHT US FORTH BY THE WORD OF TRUTH**, SO THAT WE MIGHT BE, AS IT WERE, THE FIRST FRUITS AMONG HIS CREATURES. ¹⁹ *THIS YOU KNOW, MY BELOVED BRETHREN. BUT LET EVERYONE BE QUICK TO HEAR, SLOW TO SPEAK AND SLOW TO ANGER*; ²⁰ FOR THE ANGER OF MAN DOES NOT ACHIEVE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

- ^{NAS} **PHILIPPIANS 2:12** SO THEN, MY BELOVED, JUST AS YOU HAVE ALWAYS OBEYED, NOT AS IN MY PRESENCE ONLY, BUT NOW MUCH MORE IN MY ABSENCE, WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING; ¹³ FOR IT IS GOD WHO IS AT WORK IN YOU, BOTH TO WILL AND TO WORK FOR *HIS* GOOD PLEASURE.
- ^{NAS} **GALATIANS 5:25** IF WE LIVE BY THE SPIRIT, LET US ALSO WALK BY THE SPIRIT.

1. EMBRACE THE CHALLENGE

- ^{NAS} **JAMES 1:2** CONSIDER IT ALL JOY, MY BRETHREN, WHEN YOU ENCOUNTER VARIOUS TRIALS, ³ KNOWING THAT THE TESTING OF YOUR FAITH PRODUCES ENDURANCE. ⁴ AND LET ENDURANCE HAVE *ITS* PERFECT RESULT, THAT YOU MAY BE PERFECT AND COMPLETE, LACKING IN NOTHING.

RELY ON GOD

- ^{NAS} **JAMES 1:5** BUT IF ANY OF YOU LACKS WISDOM, LET HIM ASK OF GOD, WHO GIVES TO ALL MEN GENEROUSLY AND WITHOUT REPROACH, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO HIM. ⁶ BUT LET HIM ASK IN FAITH WITHOUT ANY DOUBTING, FOR THE ONE WHO DOUBTS IS LIKE THE SURF OF THE SEA DRIVEN AND TOSSED BY THE WIND. ⁷ FOR LET NOT THAT MAN EXPECT THAT HE WILL RECEIVE ANYTHING FROM THE LORD, ⁸ *BEING* A DOUBLE-MINDED MAN, UNSTABLE IN ALL HIS WAYS.

HOPE IN ETERNITY

- ^{NAS} **JAMES 1:12** BLESSED IS A MAN WHO PERSEVERES UNDER TRIAL; FOR ONCE HE HAS BEEN APPROVED, HE WILL RECEIVE THE CROWN OF LIFE, WHICH *THE LORD* HAS PROMISED TO THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.

REST IN GOD'S GOODNESS

- ^{NAS} **JAMES 1:17** EVERY GOOD THING BESTOWED AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE, COMING DOWN FROM THE FATHER OF LIGHTS, WITH WHOM THERE IS NO VARIATION, OR SHIFTING SHADOW.
- ^{NAS} **EXODUS 34:6** THEN JEHOVAH PASSED BY IN FRONT OF HIM AND PROCLAIMED, "JEHOVAH, JEHOVAH, A GOD COMPASSIONATE AND GRACIOUS, SLOW TO ANGER, AND ABOUNDING IN LOVINGKINDNESS AND TRUTH; ⁷ WHO KEEPS LOVINGKINDNESS FOR THOUSANDS, WHO FORGIVES INIQUITY, TRANSGRESSION AND SIN