

The Power of Patience!

*Sunday June 4, 2023
Celebrate Summer Series: Be Different*

*“Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord.
See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it,
until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient.
Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.”
James 5:7–8 ESV*

Grasping Life from God’s Perspective Promotes Patience in Me!

Godly People are Not Shaken by an _____

Introduction to 2 Kings

Three Periods of Israel's History

1. _____ **Monarchy**
2. _____ **Monarchy**
3. _____ **Kingdom**

“After the death of Ahab, Moab rebelled against Israel.” 2 Kings 1:1 ESV

“Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber in Samaria, and lay sick; so he sent messengers, telling them, “Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this sickness.”” 2 Kings 1:2 ESV

“But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, “Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, ‘Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? Now therefore thus says the LORD, You shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.’ ” So Elijah went.” 2 Kings 1:3–4 ESV

“So he died according to the word of the LORD that Elijah had spoken. Jehoram became king in his place in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, because Ahaziah had no son.” 2 Kings 1:17 ESV

Godly People are _____ in Patience

“Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.” 2 Kings 2:1 ESV

_____ on Persistent Patience

1. Let us Take Care not to _____

“But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.””
1 Kings 19:4 ESV

“There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?””
1 Kings 19:9 ESV

(Also 1 Kings 19:10, 12-13)

2. Let Us Learn What _____

“When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.””
2 Kings 2:9 ESV

“Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.”
2 Corinthians 5:8 ESV

3. Let Us Look Forward to the _____

“And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.”
2 Kings 2:11–12a ESV

“And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.”
2 Kings 2:13 ESV

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*“The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.
Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain,
and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.
Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.”*
James 5:16b-18 ESV