

Jacob & the Gospel # 2

Genesis 25¹⁹⁻³⁴

Learning patience with the Lord

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Children's talk: M&Ms

Introduction

Lord, give me patience!

Where are we going?

1. Patience - waiting on the Lord

Abraham takes Satan's shortcut (16)

Isaac learns from his father's lapse (25²¹)

Isaac follows in his father's footsteps (26¹⁻¹²)

How to endure disappointment without despair

2. Impatience - taking matters into our own hands

Impatience begins in the womb (25²²⁻²⁶)

Impatience of Esau (25²⁹⁻³⁴)

Impatience of Jacob (25²⁹⁻³⁴)

3. Patience on the part of God

Patience of God the Father (Rom 2⁴)

Patience of God the Son (Phil 2⁶⁻⁸)

Patience of God the Holy Spirit (Eph 4³⁰)

Conclusion

What about election?

Lord, let me learn patience



Questions answered



Why did God give a promise to Abraham, and then wait so long before beginning to fulfil that promise?



What is the difference between being counted as righteous and being able to be counted on to do the right thing?



When God's promises do not materialise in the way we think they should, what does Satan commonly suggest?



Isaac prayed ... and the Lord answered – Was it as simple as that? What happened?



Can we sin in such a way as to thwart God's good and glorious purposes?



How can we endure disappointment without despair? What two things do we need to remember, in order to cultivate patience?



What did Esau's impatience reveal about him? In what way can we tend to do the same thing?



What did Jacob's impatience reveal about him? In what way can we tend to do the same thing?



What is God the Father's purpose in exercising such patience?



In what way do we see God the Son exercising patience towards His people?



How can we abuse the patience of God the Holy Spirit?



Things to pray about



Learning patience by remembering what we have & where we are going.



Deliverance from the impatience of wanting God's blessings more than Him



Not presuming upon God's patience, but thanking Him for it.



Search the Scriptures



To what extent did believers in the OT have the Holy Spirit? What effect does the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost have on the extent to which we grieve Him by our continuing in sin without repentance?