

Lucan: It's time to begin. Bro. David, will you please offer the opening prayer?

Zahakiel: Dear Father in Heaven, We thank you for the blessings you have given to us in the days that have passed. We thank you for Your hand in providence and the opportunities we have had to bless others by our testimonies. We gather before you now to rejoice in your presence, and ask that the eyes of our spirits be opened to the light from your Throne. Be with us in this fellowship, and on through the remaining hours of the Sabbath, for we ask it in Yahshua's name.

Zahakiel: Amen.

Pastor Chick: Amen.

Lucan: Amen

Barb: Amen

daphna: Amen

Adriel7777: Amen

Elyna1: Amen

Marie-kadeth: Amen

Ruthline: Amen

Gloria Bailey: Amen.

Lucan: Tonight's study is called "The Patience and Name of the Saints."

One of the things CSDAs are frequently asked, particularly as our convictions and their consequences are discussed, is "where is the name Seventh-day Adventist in the Bible?" More than this, "where is the name Creation 7th Day Adventist in the Bible?" As a Protestant people in the true meaning of the word, we hold to "the Bible only" as the rule of faith and doctrine. While some may take false comfort in the knowledge that the words "Seventh-day Adventist" themselves do not appear in Scripture, the answer is plain enough:

"Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Yahshua." (Revelation 14:12)

As we have read in recent studies, "Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah." (Psalms 60:4)

We may read of the last great conflict between the people of Yahweh and those who are noted primarily for their persecution of those people in Revelation 13 and 14. This conflict culminates in a war of resistance against the beast and its image, which enforces "the mark of its name" on those who would spiritually buy and sell those truths on behalf of Yahshua. In the midst of the description of this conflict, we find the verse quoted above. Immediately before the coming of Yahshua, and in association with the three angel's messages in chapter 14, Yahweh gives a message:

"HERE is the patience of the saints. HERE are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Yahshua." It is not enough to testify that they exist somewhere; Scripture does not emphasize that point. Rather it emphasizes their location.

Where are they? "Here."

The question then must be asked, "where is here?" Here can only be the place denoted particularly by those things pointed out. "Here are they that keep the commandments of God" – these display the banner given to them because of the truth about the commandments of God. It is no help in finding these people if they claim to be commandment keepers in general, for every Christian claims to keep the commandments to some extent or another, and by some interpretation or another. Rather, the truth in question must be that portion of the commandments which is contested by the world, and the beast, and those who follow them. We find here the "Seventh-day" portion of the name, as it once was given. "Here" also are those that keep "the faith of Yahshua."

Now, we want to note that the verse does not read, "Here are they that talk about the commandments of God, and preach about the faith of Yahshua." Nor does it say "Here are they that try and mostly succeed at keeping the commandments of God, and have the doctrines of Yahshua." No, it is they who HAVE His faith, and thus KEEP His Father's commandments.

Many claim to have faith in Christ, yet in works deny Him. In particular, they deny that He is coming soon, for if He is coming soon, the only proper response is to be ready in heart and life. We may see here the message of righteousness by faith, or the victory message, or various other names for one who has the very faith that Yahshua had, and therefore keeps the very commandments that Yahshua kept. Thus we have the other contested portion of the name, "Adventist," displayed because of the truth.

Now so far we are well and good; we have the commandments of God in the seventh day Sabbath, and we have the faith of Yahshua in a practical application of expecting His second coming. Yet there is a third element that our attention is drawn to, and less frequently receives attention. That is what I would like to focus on tonight: "Here is the patience of the saints."

Where is the patience of the saints? To answer that, we must first answer, what is the patience of the saints? We may read a most relevant answer one chapter earlier, immediately before the beast which gives power to the image rises from the land:

"He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints."
(Revelation 13:10)

Intimately associated, then, with the recognition of those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, is the patience of the saints. And this patience is spelled out as being particularly that patience that refuses to lead another into captivity, or to slay another with the sword, for knowledge through faith that the same will be done to them. As it is written, "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but [rather] give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance [is] mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." (Romans 12:19)

The fulfillment of this promise requires both faith and patience. For those who are called to endure persecution for the banner and name representing the commandments of God and faith of Yahshua, we find the promise:

"And ye shall be hated of all [men] for my name's sake. But there shall not an hair of your head perish. In your patience possess ye your souls." (Luke 21:17-19)

We find it similarly written elsewhere:

"And ye shall be hated of all [men] for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." (Matthew 10:22)

Now, the word "endureth" here is an important one for our purposes. The word "patience" in Greek is "hypomone," and comes from a root word, "hypomeno." This word means to endure, to remain, to persevere, and notably, to tarry. It is the root word "hypomeno" that is translated here as "endureth," and also as "tarried behind" in the following:

"And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Yahshua tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not [of it]." (Luke 2:43)

The association between patience and endurance is a relatively clear one. The association between patience and a tarrying time is a clear one to Adventists, or at least it once was, and Scripture also makes the association with a promise to our earlier brethren in the vineyard:

"Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if [any man] draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul." (Hebrews 10:35-39)

We read again in the prophetic message to Philadelphia, which constitutes both the early Adventists and those who repent of Laodicea and return to their first love before probation closes:

"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." (Revelation 3:10)

There are many, unfortunately, who claim to be returning to early Adventism in this specific doctrine or that, and strike off on their own ministries. Almost all of these fail to keep the name indicating the location of those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Yahshua, and thus fail to display the banner given because of the truth. Nonetheless, these claim to keep "the word of His patience" as inheritors of these promises. Yet the Scriptures declare that such a spirit of independence can only be the fruit of one that does not understand the word of His patience, the patience of the saints, or the very God of patience:

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Yahshua: That ye may with one mind [and] one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Yahshua Christ." (Romans 15:4-6)

Adriel7777: Amen

Lucan: The patience of the saints leads to the unity of the saints, in mind and in mouth, in action and actuality. It leads to being "likeminded one toward another." It leads to the selflessness of Paul, who wrote:

"Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Yahshua with eternal glory. [It is] a faithful saying: For if we be dead with [him], we shall also live with [him]: If we suffer, we shall also reign with [him]: if we deny [him], he also will deny us: If we believe not, [yet] he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself." (2 Timothy 2:10-13)

The word "endure" here is also "hypomeno," however it can be easily missed that the same word is translated as "suffer" in verse 12. Thus, Paul writes that He "endures all things for the elect's sakes," concluding that "If we endure, we shall also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us." Patience and endurance are here contrasted with denying Christ, similarly to the passage in Hebrews we read earlier.

In the days of the apostles after Christ's ascension, this was the most present application of the patience of the saints, and certainly was the context for John's statement:

"I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Yahshua Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Yahshua Christ." (Revelation 1:9)

"The kingdom and patience" are tied together much as the "commandments and faith." One cannot keep the commandments of divinity without the faith of divinity; one cannot partake of the kingdom of Christ without the patience of Christ. Yet as we have seen, this patience constitutes much more than simply waiting without denying Christ in word; it also means to wait without denying Him in deed. It means to wait for God's deliverance without "leading into captivity" or "killing with the sword."

Of those who fail to keep this patience, regardless of professions of faith and law, Yahshua said:

"But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for [him], and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers." (Luke 12:45, 46)

Note that this servant is NOT an unbeliever, but is appointed a portion with the unbelievers. This servant, having not patiently awaited the coming of His Lord, began to beat his fellow servants, to eat and drink, and to be drunken all while professing to be the true servant. Those who enforce trademark laws to imprison their brethren over the name bearing "the commandments of God and the faith of Yahshua" do the work of this servant, and share the fate of this servant.

Those who have the patience of the saints will not be found beating or smiting their fellow servants. They will not be found complaining of the circumstances Yahweh has given for their sanctification. They will not cherish thoughts against their brethren, seek to be rulers over others, or be miserly with the time, talents, or funds committed to their trust for the blessing of others.

The patience of the saints, then, is not merely patience for the appearing of Yahshua as opposed to a life of worldliness and dissipation; it is patience in the expectation of His promise to defend and protect His people, without taking actions that deny the truth of that promise. It is patience in the expectation of His promise of a "glorious church," fulfilling the prayer of Christ in John chapter 17 for their complete and visible, recognizable unity. It is patience in refusal to do evil or transgress the plain commandments of Yahweh, whether it be "remember the Sabbath day" or "dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust?" In short, this is not an inactive, passive patience; it is action and testimony as the result of patient expectation.

Those who refuse this patience cannot be saved in the time of trouble, for they have refused to make Yahweh their strength and defense. It is our relationship with Yahweh alone that can sustain us in that time. Had the 37th chapter of Psalms been believed by those who actively and presently persecute the people of God, such a course could never have been taken. As Mrs. White wrote, "to punish those who were supposed to be evildoers, the church has had recourse to the civil power." [Christ's Object Lessons, p. 74]

Yet the Scriptures tell us to "patiently" pursue another course:

"Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in Yahweh, and do good; [so] shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Rest in Yahweh, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. Wait on Yahweh, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see [it]. But the salvation of the righteous [is] of Yahweh: [he is] their strength in the time of trouble." (Psalms 37:1-3, 7-8, 34, 39)

Now, we have spoken much of the application of the patience of the saints in spirit; but the Scriptures in Revelation tell us something more. They tell us "HERE is the patience of the saints," in just the same way as "HERE are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Yahshua."

We have seen where those who keep the commandments and the faith once were; we have seen the name and the banner given them for those truths. We also have seen that the Seventh-day Adventist denomination cannot be those who have the patience of the saints, for they are now those who "lead into captivity, and shall go into captivity."

Where, then, is "here" for those who do keep these things?

"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." (Romans 8:18-25, RSV) (LMK)

Zahakiel: Finished

Pastor Chick: F

Barb: F

Adriel7777: F

PETER: F

daphna: F

Gloria Bailey: Finished.

Kimberly: F

Elyna1: F

Ruthline: F

Lucan: In this passage about patience, creation is mentioned in five consecutive verses. We "wait for it with patience," that being the creation of the new earth and the redemption of our bodies. We have, with the whole of creation, waited for this since the creation. We have, as the church, awaited this since Adam was sent forth from Eden. We have, as individuals, awaited this since the creation of ourselves as new creatures. As it is written:

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Yahshua unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10)

And again: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." (2 Cor. 5:17, NKJV)

As the final generation of saints, we expect to see the fulfilment of this long-awaited promise; we will see "the creation itself set free from its bondage."

Adriel7777: Amen!

Lucan: We have "groaned in travail together until now" with the creation, and expect to see the redemption of the creation with our own eyes. This is the "patience" of all who do not lay up worldly treasures, or make the world their judge.

Those who have the faith of Yahshua do the works of Yahshua, and anticipate the soon return of Yahshua. It is at "the revealing of the sons of God" that Yahshua returns for His people, and those who patiently await this not only refuse any course of action that would stain them before heaven, but actively seek and cleanse any disharmony or remaining sins. They will not be found with the blood of the saints in their cup, the keys to their brethren's prison cells in their pockets, or sitting alone and apart from the place and people where Yahweh has said, "Here."

We see, then, that those who forsook their patience have continued to proclaim themselves to be "Seventh-day Adventists," touting the commandments of God and the

faith of Yahshua in word, but denying both in action. In these last hours, it is not only these characteristics, but the patience of those who wait on Yahweh that the attention is called to. As it is written:

“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.” (Galatians 6:15, NKJV)

Revelation 14:12, therefore, does not speak only of the name Seventh-day Adventist; it speaks to the name Creation 7th Day Adventist. HERE is the patience of the saints, hastening the redemption of the creation, keeping the Sabbath as it was in the creation, and refusing to imprison or kill others with civil power, being new creations themselves. HERE are they that keep the commandments of God, including the fourth. HERE are they that keep the faith of Yahshua, proclaiming the testimony of Yahshua in unity and not only speaking, but drawing together and acting as those who believe in His soon Advent. We thus understand the prophecy in Isaiah in clear terms:

“And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call his servants by another [Heb. Achar, “following, further, next”] name.” (Isaiah 65:15)

May we all “keep the word of His patience,” as those who will soon be bound together in the eternal service of Yahshua in the new creation. As we follow the lamb withersoever He goeth, we shall be “strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated [us] into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, [even] the forgiveness of sins.” (Colossians 1:11-14)

Are there any comments on the study tonight?

Adriel7777: Amen! C

Lucan: Go ahead

Adriel7777: I do not recall ever hearing a sermon preached about “the patience of the saints”...

daphna: F

Adriel7777: I have been very blessed by this clear, inspiring study and I praise Yah for bringing me and keeping me "HERE". HalleluYah! 😊 End.

Lucan: Amen 😊 Are there any other comments?

Adriel7777: C

Lucan: Go ahead

Adriel7777: I am also blessed by how many times in the last few weeks Yah has seen fit to "explain" the verse from Isaiah 65:15 for Sis Daphna's and our benefit. 😊 End.

Lucan: Are there any further comments? If not, I'll ask Pastor to offer the closing prayer.

Pastor Chick: Dear Father in heaven. You have given us commandments. You have given us the Faith and You have given us the patience necessary to endure the fiery assaults of the Devil, and we are committed to preserve the gifts that are given to us for a divine testimony including the sacred name which includes every aspect of our being. Thank You for keeping us in Your family. Thank You for saving us from sin and all fear resulting from it. In Yahshua's holy name, Amen.

Zahakiel: Amen.

Kimberly: Amen

Lucan: Amen

Barb: Amen

daphna: Amen

Adriel7777: Amen

Elyna1: Amen.

PETER: Amen

Gloria Bailey: Amen.

Peter_Jr_18: Amen.

Ruthline: Amen