THE QUESTION

What did early Christians teach about trials, wisdom and doubt (James 1:2–8)?

Asked by a THF member on May 2, 2026 · published November 9, 2026 · 9 numbered quotations · the 33 early Christian passages and 202 Bible verses we kept are listed at the back, each with a link.

Read it online: thehistoricfaith.com/early-church-questions/what-did-early-christians-teach-about-trials-wisdom-and-doubt-james-1-2-8

The short answer *Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words*

Early writers taught that God allows many kinds of trials, such as loss, sickness and grief, to test and strengthen faith. Faith and patience work together, and patience carries faith to its goal. Wisdom from God is a gift of grace, and those who ask while doubting, the double-minded, receive nothing.

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Trials come in many forms

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Cyprian says Christians must be examined and tested. He names the kinds of trials he means: losing property, fevers, wounds and the death of loved ones. The righteous are shown by their patience in them.

1

> "But since we must be examined and tested, different sufferings are brought in, and many kinds of temptations are inflicted through loss of property, through the burning of fevers, through the torment of wounds, and through the loss of those dear to us."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 29, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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God tests to train, not to destroy

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Dionysius explains two senses of temptation. The devil tempts to drag us into sin, but when God tests, he brings trials to train us for salvation, as he did with Abraham.

2

> "But when God tempts, that is, tries, He brings forward temptations, that is, trials, as One who is not tempted by evil."
>
> *later in the same passage*
>
> "Therefore, the devil drives us forward by force, pulling us toward destruction. But God leads us by the hand, training us for our salvation."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Dionysius of Alexandria,** *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (c. 232–265 AD) **Source 23, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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Tested faith is strengthened and crowned

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Cyprian points to Paul's sufferings. Faith that stands firm under testing is crowned, and adversity strengthens believers instead of pulling them away from the truth.

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3 “Then our faith, if it stands firm when tested, is crowned, just as it is written: "The furnace tries the potter's vessels, and the trial of affliction tests just men."”

later in the same passage

“Instead, it strengthens us through suffering.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD)
THF's updated English

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Patience carries faith to its goal

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Cyprian says being Christian rests on faith and hope, but patience is needed for them to reach their goal. Hermas lists faith first among good deeds and patience among those that follow.

4 “For the very fact that we are Christians is the substance of faith and hope. But for that hope and faith to attain their result, there is need of patience.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD)
THF's updated English

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5 “First of all there is faith, then fear of the Lord, love, concord, words of righteousness, truth, and patience.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hermas,** *Shepherd* (c. 90–150 AD)
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Abraham's testing shows patient faith

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Cyprian holds up the patriarchs as examples of patience. When Abraham was tested about his son, he obeyed God without delay, joining faith with patient devotion.

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6 “So Abraham, believing God and first laying down the root and foundation of faith, when he was tested concerning his son, did not hesitate or delay, but obeyed God's commands with all the patience of devotion.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD)
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God gives what is lacking to askers

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Clement says the rich young man was not yet perfect. God does not force anyone, but gives to those who are willing and ask, so they can gain what they lack.

7 “For God does not compel — since force is hateful to God — but rather provides for those who seek, bestows upon those who ask, and opens to those who knock.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 10 (c. 190–215 AD)
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Source 10, page 6 Read it in the library ›

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True wisdom is God's gift of grace

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Origen separates the wisdom of the world from divine wisdom. Divine wisdom comes by God's grace to those who ask for it in prayer.

8 “But divine wisdom, being different from human wisdom because it is divine, comes through the grace of God, who gives it to those who have shown that they are able to receive it.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Against Celsus* 13 (c. 215–254 AD)
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The double-minded receive nothing

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Hermas urges believers to ask God without doubting, trusting his mercy. Those who doubt are double-minded and receive none of their requests, while those complete in faith receive.

9 “For those who doubt about God are double-minded, and they receive none of their requests. But those who are complete in faith ask for everything, trusting in the Lord, and they receive it, because they ask without doubting and are not double-minded.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hermas,** *Shepherd* (c. 90–150 AD)
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not directly explain who the lowly brother and the rich man are in James 1:9–11.
- They do not settle whether a believer can become fully perfect in this life.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 33 early Christian passages and 202 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–33, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 34–115, in Bible order), then 120 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF’s updated English unless marked “1885 English” (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). “… [continues online]” marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

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EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *33 passages from 12 writers*

Barnabas, *c. 70–132 AD · sources 1–2*

1 *Epistle of Barnabas* (1885 English; on point 7) “may God, who ruleth over all the world, give to you wisdom, intelligence, understanding, knowledge of His judgments, with patience… [continues online] **read ›**

2 *Epistle of Barnabas* (1885 English; on point 4) “and patience, then, are helpers of our faith… [continues online] **read ›**

Hermas, *c. 90–150 AD · sources 3–6*

3 *Shepherd* (on point 4) “this patience dwells with those who have complete faith… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Shepherd* **Quote 9, page 5** “says to me, “Put away doubt from yourself, and do not hesitate to ask the Lord. Do not say to yourself, ‘How can I ask the Lord and receive from… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Shepherd* (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 3** “tell me, sir, say I, the nature of the good deeds, that I may walk in them and wait on them, so that doing them I can be saved… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Shepherd* (1885 English; on point 4) “first is Faith, the second Continence, the third Power, the fourth Patience… [continues online] **read ›**

Ignatius of Antioch, *c. 98–117 AD · sources 7–8*

7 *Epistle to Polycarp* 1 (1885 English; on point 7) “stedfast in prayer. Ask for more understanding than that which thou [already] hast… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *Epistles of Ignatius* (1885 English) “long-suffering, that thou mayest be great in wisdom… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 9–13*

9 *Instructor* 1.6 (on point 6) I think that man was called by the ancients phos. But, they say, he has not yet received the perfect gift. I also agree with this. But he is in… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 10 (1885 English) **Quote 7, page 4** “nothing is more perfect than what is perfect… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *Instructor* 1.6 (1885 English; on point 6) “we call that perfect which wants nothing… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Stromata* 2.6 (1885 English; on point 4) “and patience are then helpers of your faith… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *Instructor* 3.12 (1885 English; on point 8) “faith He says: Whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 14–16*

14 *Against Marcion* 15 (1885 English; on point 7) “Kings 3:5-13 But with respect to this man, since, when a choice was left to him, he preferred asking for what he knew to be well-pleasing to… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *On Patience* 12 (on point 4) “which man's patience waits for; charity, which Patience accompanies, with God as Master… [continues online] **read ›**

16 *On Patience* 6 (1885 English; on point 4) “it is patience which is both subsequent and antecedent to faith… [continues online] **read ›**

Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · sources 17–18*

17 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (1885 English; on point 7) “asks of wisdom, who seeks to know what is the will of God… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *Exegetical Fragments* (1885 English; on point 3) “how is our heart enlarged by trials and afflictions… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 19–21*

19 *Commentary on John* 10 (1885 English; on point 6) “in doing so we entreat Him who gives to every one that asks and strives acutely to enquire, and we knock that by the keys of higher knowledge the hidden… [continues online] **read ›**

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20 *Against Celsus* 13 (1885 English) **Quote 8, page 4** "wisdom, accordingly, being different from faith, is the first of the so-called charismata of God… [continues online] **read ›**

21 *Commentary on Matthew* 14 (1885 English; on point 6) "7:8 But when there you will inquire who it is that asks, for no one of those who do not receive has asked, even though he seems to have… [continues online] **read ›**

Dionysius of Alexandria, *c. 232–265 AD · sources 22–23*

22 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (on point 2) "is our life, and full of sorrow… [continues online] **read ›**

23 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 2, page 2** "God, when He tempts (tries), adduces the temptations (trials) as one untempted of evil… [continues online] **read ›**

Gregory Thaumaturgus, *c. 240–270 AD · source 24*

24 *Twelve Topics on the Faith* 1 (1885 English; on point 2) "was tempted in the wilderness, not as giving way, however, to temptation, but as putting our temptations before Himself on the challenge of the tempter, in order to show the… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 25–30*

25 *Treatises* **Quote 6, page 4** was patiently killed. So Abraham, believing God and first laying down the root and foundation of faith, when he was tested concerning his son, did not hesitate or delay, but… [continues online] **read ›**

26 *Treatises* (1885 English) **Quote 3, page 3** "our faith, if when tried it shall stand fast, is crowned… [continues online] **read ›**

27 *Treatises* (1885 English; on point 4) "is patience which firmly fortifies the foundations of our faith… [continues online] **read ›**

28 *Treatises* (1885 English) **Quote 4, page 3** "that hope and faith may attain to their result, there is need of patience… [continues online] **read ›**

29 *Treatises* (1885 English) **Quote 1, page 2** "a manifold kind of temptations is inflicted by the losses of property, by the heats of fevers, by the torments of wounds, by the loss of those dear to us… [continues online] **read ›**

30 *Treatises* (1885 English; on point 4) "you accomplish these things unless you maintain the steadfastness of patience and endurance… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · source 31*

31 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English; on point 3) "3:1 and he oftentimes sought to sift us, that our faith might fail… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · sources 32–33*

32 *Divine Institutes* 8 (1885 English; on point 7) "has given wisdom to all alike, that they might be able both to investigate things which they have not heard, and to weigh things which they have heard… [continues online] **read ›**

33 *Divine Institutes* 15 (1885 English; on point 6) "one is most perfect, but he who has filled all the steps of virtue… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *82 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

34 **Deuteronomy 6:16** You shall not tempt the Lord your God, as you tempted him at Temptation. **read ›**

35 **Deuteronomy 18:13** You shall be perfect before the Lord your God. **read ›**

36 **1 Kings 3:11** And the Lord said to him, "Because you have asked this thing of me, and have not asked for yourself many days, and have not asked for wealth, nor asked for the lives of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to hear judgment, **read ›**

37 **2 Chronicles 1:11** And God said to Solomon, "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked for wealth of riches, or glory, or the life of your adversaries, and you have not asked for many days, but have asked for yourself wisdom and understanding, so that you may judge my people over whom I have made you king, **read ›**

38 **2 Chronicles 1:12** I give you wisdom and understanding; and I will give you wealth and riches and glory, so that there has been none like you among the kings before you, nor shall it be so after you." **read ›**

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39 **Job 11:6** Then he will declare to you the power of wisdom, for it will be double what you have; and then you will know that what you deserve for the sins you have committed has come to you from the Lord. **read ›**

40 **Ecclesiastes 9:18** Wisdom is better than weapons of war, and one sinner will destroy much goodness. **read ›**

41 **Isaiah 1:8** The daughter of Zion shall be left like a tent in a vineyard, and like a hut for guarding fruit in a cucumber field, like a besieged city. **read ›**

42 **Isaiah 7:22** and it shall be that, from drinking a great deal of milk, everyone who is left upon the land shall eat butter and honey. **read ›**

43 **Isaiah 9:8** The Lord has sent death upon Jacob, and it has come upon Israel. (Septuagint Isaiah 9:7 (Isaiah 9:8 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

44 **Jeremiah 26:14** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

45 **Jeremiah 33:7** And I will bring back the exiles of Judah and the exiles of Israel, and I will build them up as before. (Septuagint Jeremiah 40:7 (Jeremiah 33:7 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

46 **Jeremiah 33:20** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

47 **Ezekiel 11:6** You have multiplied your dead in this city, and you have filled their streets with the slain. **read ›**

48 **Ezekiel 21:23** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

49 **Daniel 3:5** at the hour you hear the sound of the trumpet, pipe, lyre, trigon, psaltery, and every kind of music, you shall fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up. **read ›**

50 **Daniel 3:9** “O king, live forever! **read ›**

51 **Daniel 9:9** To you, the Lord our God, belong compassion and atonements, for we have fallen away, **read ›**

52 **Hosea 7:8** Ephraim mixed himself among his peoples; Ephraim has become a cake baked in ashes, not turned over. **read ›**

53 **Amos 1:6** Thus says the Lord: For three ungodly deeds of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away from them, because they took captive the captivity of Solomon, to shut them up in Idumea. **read ›**

54 **Amos 3:5** Will a bird fall to the earth without a bird-catcher? Will a trap spring up from the earth without having caught something? **read ›**

55 **Amos 4:13** For behold, I am he who makes the thunder firm and creates the wind, and proclaims to men his Christ, who makes the dawn and the mist, and treads upon the high places of the earth: the Lord God Almighty is his name. **read ›**

56 **Amos 7:7** Thus the Lord showed me: and behold, he was standing upon a wall of steel, and in his hand was steel. **read ›**

57 **Amos 7:15** and the Lord took me from the sheep, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ **read ›**

58 **Amos 9:4** And if they go into captivity before their enemies, there I will command the sword, and it shall kill them; and I will fix my eyes upon them for evil, and not for good. **read ›**

59 **Amos 9:6** he who builds his ascent into heaven, and founds his promise upon the earth; who calls for the water of the sea and pours it out on the face of the earth: the Lord Almighty is his name. **read ›**

60 **Malachi 2:3** Behold, I cut off the shoulder from you, and I will scatter the stomach on your faces, the stomach of your feasts; and I will take you away all together. **read ›**

61 **Wisdom of Solomon 1:6** For wisdom is a spirit that loves mankind, and she will not hold a blasphemer innocent for what his lips say; for God is witness of his kidneys, and a true overseer of his heart, and a hearer of his tongue. **read ›**

62 **Wisdom of Solomon 2:19** Let us examine him with insult and torture, that we may know his gentleness, and prove his patient endurance of wrong. **read ›**

63 **Wisdom of Solomon 3:5** And having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, for God tested them and found them worthy of himself. **read ›**

64 **Wisdom of Solomon 4:13** Made perfect in a short time, he fulfilled long years; **read ›**

65 **Wisdom of Solomon 6:20** so the desire for wisdom leads up to a kingdom. **read ›**

66 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:7** Therefore I prayed, and sound judgment was given me; I called out, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. **read ›**

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67 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:15** May God grant me to speak with judgment, and to think worthily of what has been given; for he himself is the guide even of wisdom, and the corrector of the wise. **read ›**

68 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:22** for wisdom, the craftsman of all things, taught me. For in her is a spirit that is intelligent, holy, unique, of many parts, subtle, mobile, clear, unpolluted, distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen, unhindered, beneficent, **read ›**

69 **Wisdom of Solomon 9:4** give me the wisdom that sits beside your thrones, and do not reject me from among your servants. **read ›**

70 **Wisdom of Solomon 9:6** For even if one is perfect among the sons of men, yet if the wisdom that comes from you is absent, he will be counted as nothing. **read ›**

71 **Wisdom of Solomon 9:17** Who has known your counsel, unless you gave wisdom and sent your holy Spirit from on high? **read ›**

72 **Wisdom of Solomon 15:3** For to know you is complete righteousness, and to know your power is the root of immortality. **read ›**

73 **Wisdom of Sirach 2:1** My child, if you come forward to serve the Lord God, prepare your soul for testing. **read ›**

74 **Wisdom of Sirach 2:2** Set your heart straight and endure, and do not be hasty in the time of calamity. **read ›**

75 **Wisdom of Sirach 2:6** Trust in him, and he will help you; make your ways straight and hope in him. **read ›**

76 **Wisdom of Sirach 2:14** Woe to you who have lost your endurance! And what will you do when the Lord visits? **read ›**

77 **Wisdom of Sirach 29:8** Yet be patient with a man in humble circumstances, and do not keep him waiting for an act of mercy. **read ›**

78 **Wisdom of Sirach 31:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

79 **Wisdom of Sirach 34:10** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

80 **Wisdom of Sirach 39:16** All the works of the Lord are very good, and every command will come to pass in its time. **read ›**

81 **Wisdom of Sirach 43:27** We will say much and never reach the end, and the sum of our words is: He is all. **read ›**

82 **Wisdom of Sirach 51:30** Do your work before the time, and in his time he will give you your reward. **read ›**

83 **1 Maccabees 2:52** Was not Abraham found faithful in trial, and it was counted to him for righteousness? **read ›**

84 **2 Maccabees 6:30** When he was about to die under the blows, he groaned aloud and said, “It is plain to the Lord, who has the holy knowledge, that though I could have been released from death, I am enduring harsh pains in my body from being whipped; but in my soul I suffer these things gladly, because of my fear of him.” **read ›**

85 **2 Maccabees 9:18** But when his sufferings did not in any way cease, for the just judgment of God had come upon him, he gave up hope for himself and wrote to the Jews the letter written below, which had the form of a plea. It read as follows: **read ›**

86 **4 Maccabees 1:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

87 **4 Maccabees 7:22** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

88 **4 Maccabees 9:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

89 **4 Maccabees 16:19** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

90 **4 Maccabees 18:15** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

91 **1 Enoch 42:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

92 **1 Enoch 49:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

93 **Matthew 5:48** Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. **read ›**

94 **Matthew 7:7** Ask, and it will be given you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened for you. **read ›**

95 **Acts 7:11** A famine came over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and great distress, and our fathers could find no food. **read ›**

96 **Acts 28:10** They also honored us with many honors; and when we sailed, they put on board the things that we needed. **read ›**

97 **Romans 5:4** and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; **read ›**

98 **Romans 8:25** But if we hope for that which we do not see, we wait for it with patience. **read ›**

99 **1 Corinthians 13:10** but when that which is complete has come, then that which is partial will be done away with. **read ›**

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100 **Colossians 2:10** and you have been made full in him, who is the head of every principality and power. **read ›**

101 **Hebrews 6:15** Thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise. **read ›**

102 **Hebrews 10:36** For you need endurance so that, having done the will of God, you may receive the promise. **read ›**

103 **James 1:1** James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are in the Dispersion: Greetings. **read ›**

104 **James 1:2** Count it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, **read ›**

105 **James 1:3** knowing that the testing of your faithfulness produces endurance. **read ›**

106 **James 1:4** Let endurance have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. **read ›**

107 **James 1:5** But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. **read ›**

108 **James 1:6** But let him ask in faith, without any doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven by the wind and tossed. **read ›**

109 **James 1:12** Blessed is the man who endures trial, for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord promised to those who love him. **read ›**

110 **James 1:14** But each one is tempted when he is drawn away and enticed by his own desire. **read ›**

111 **James 3:17** But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. **read ›**

112 **James 5:7** Be patient therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it, until it receives the early and late rain. **read ›**

113 **James 5:10** My brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the Lord’s name as an example of suffering and patience. **read ›**

114 **James 5:11** Behold, we call those who endure blessed. You have heard of Job’s endurance; see the outcome the Lord brought about, for he is full of tender compassion and merciful. **read ›**

115 **Revelation 2:19** I know your works, your love, faithfulness, service, and endurance, and that your latter works are more than the first. **read ›**

ALSO LINKED BY THF TO THESE PASSAGES *120 verses, by reference*

Partly machine-linked: related to the passages, not always quoted in them. Each reference links to the verse in our audio Bible.

Genesis 9:18 · 22:17

Exodus 4:22 · 32:34

Deuteronomy 32:10 · 32:23

Psalms 2:8 · 18:26 · 51:15

Proverbs 19:17 · 31:8

Isaiah 1:14 · 10:33 · 53:4

Jeremiah 5:8 · 7:21 · 17:7 · 24:1 · 29:12

Zechariah 8:16

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