



“The Del-Haven Vision”

“Without vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18)

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“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials (3) knowing that the trial of your faith produces patience. (4) But, let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.” Jas.1:2-4

James, from this text, echoes that which Paul was inspired to write from **Ro.5:3** when he declared that **“tribulation produces patience”**. James, too, places the producer of patience directly upon **“the trial of your faith”**. The grace of faith shines brightest against the backdrop of providential trial and tribulation...and patience is that which is harvested from the soul that cannot escape going through the trial.

A really good synonym for patience is the word, *endurance*. And, this reminds us of that which **Heb.10:36** tells us. It says: **“For you have need of patience (endurance), that, after you have done the will of God, you might receive the promise.”** And/or, **Heb.12:1** which says: **“...let us run with patience (endurance) the race that is set before us.”** Life in this world often seems to be one big test of endurance. It is no wonder that **“the author and finisher of our faith”** tells us that we *have need of patient endurance* so as to be able to reach the end of this life and receive the promise.

James, however, goes further and reveals another important aspect concerning *patience*. James is inspired by the Holy Spirit to reveal that *patience* is a vital part of the new creation that our Savior God makes of us. Hence the Word of God says with creative power: **“but let patience have its perfect work”**. And, praise His mighty Name, just as when He said in the midst of the darkest of darkness at the very dawn of creation, itself, -- **“Let there be light”** -- and suddenly there was -- even so when He demands, **“Let patience have its perfect work”** -- it cannot help but do so! This is God’s way of grace for all true believers in Christ!

In this way, God is ever constant in showing us what a great Savior He truly is. Sin circumstantially exerts itself by surrounding us with so many different faith-testing trials and all their companion troubles, but the saint of God -- by the grace of God through the power of Christ -- becomes a beacon light of strength and endurance as well as a reflection of divinely refined steadfastness in the very midst of all the trials. This is the perfecting work that patience is commanded by the Creator to work out in the life and experience of the true believer.

This, dear ones, is all the *work of faith*. It is not our working of faith, but rather it is faith’s working of us. We do not exert *patience* in this text to the performance and accomplishment of all these good and grand evidences of sanctification, but it is *patience* that is *directed by God* to exert itself on us and bring these things to pass to the maturity of our characters. It is no small wonder that **in all our trials here we should count it all joy!**

For Christ's glory only!
A. Carpenter

The Lake Project Has Been Completed!

Praise the Name of our Lord God -- He has brought us through the major ordeal of finally completing the replacement of the water lines and the renovation of the lake! The finishing touches were ultimately performed on Wednesday, February 25th. The final payment of \$13,500.00 was made which brought our outstanding balance due on the credit line we secured with the bank in order to do these things to a little over \$74,000.00. But, praise the Lord we do not need any more! Now the only direction we have to go with this debt is downward. Please be in earnest prayer with us, dear ones, that this be effectually accomplished in a most timely manner. Nothing is too hard for the Lord.

The lake looks just beautiful! This summer's camp schedule should be able to include some lake activities once again. Fishing will be more in line for next year than this, but some supervised excursions out on to the lake in boats will be possible. Of course, we are still hoping to repair what ones we have (if it is feasible), or hopefully to be able to acquire a couple of new flat bottom boats. And, what a comfort it is to realize that as far as our water lines are concerned we should not have to face any unexpected and costly water leak problems for a long, long time. The savings that we will realize from this will definitely be substantial. Thank you Lord!



This summer is looking very promising where campers and staff are concerned, but please do not cease to keep us and the children ever constantly in your prayers.



“The Lord will perfect that which concerns me. Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the works of your hands.” Ps.138:8