

# The Attributes of God

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## The Patience of God

### Isaiah 6:3

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And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!"

The patience of God — the excellency which causes Him to sustain great insult without immediately avenging Himself.

Exodus 34:6-9

God's patience is directly connected to His mercy and grace.

God is patient, but He is also just.

Sinner's often act like they deserve God's mercy, grace, and patience, but they don't. If sinful Israel, or you and I got what we deserved, it would be the immediate wrath and curse of God.

Psalm 103:7-13

What would it look like if God dealt with you according to your sin?

Do you praise God daily for His patience with you?

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How many countless times have you deserved the wrath and curse of God?

Jonah 4:1-11

As God's messenger, are you patient with the people in your life who oppose you, or even oppose God?

Jonah 4:4

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And the Lord said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

The next time you get angry, ask yourself, "What if God asked me, 'Do you do well to be angry?'"

Most of the time, human anger is not rational. Human anger is also usually not long suffering and patient.

Nahum 1:1-8

Just because God does not immediately pour out His wrath upon sinners does not mean that He never will.

Human anger is most often due to our own weak ability to control our thoughts and emotions. However, God has full power over all things, including Himself.

### Ecclesiastes 8:10-11

Then I saw the wicked buried. They used to go in and out of the holy place and were praised in the city where they had done such things. This also is vanity. Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil.

Romans 2:3-5

Luke 20:9-16

### 1 Timothy 1:15-16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

Are you amazed at the patience of God in your own salvation?

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You should be, because you  
did not deserve to be saved.

### Summary:

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Unbeliever, do not presume upon God's mercy  
by abusing His patience. It will come to an end.

Believer, thank God for His patience with you,  
and reflect God's patience with others.

### Colossians 3:12-13

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Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and  
beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility,  
meekness, and patience, bearing with one another  
and, if one has a complaint against another,  
forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you,  
so you also must forgive.