

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

Zahakiel: Let us pray. Almighty Father in Heaven. We thank you for the many blessings that you have poured out upon your people in the week that has passed. We rejoice in your presence, and enter into your rest during these sacred hours. May your spirit open hearts and minds to further blessings that you have ordained for us during this time of fellowship, for we ask this in Yahshua's name. Amen.

Pastor Chick: Amen.

Lucan: Amen

Naraiel: Amen

Adriel777: Amen

Barb: Amen

Lucan: One of the things CSDAs are frequently asked is, "where is the name Seventh-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 read in a recent study, "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 war with 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, and in the context of the 144,000 and the three angel's messages, we find the verse quoted above. Immediately before the coming of Yahshua, and in association with those 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." Where are they? "Here." The question then rises, "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. No, the truth in question must be that which is contested by the world, and the beast, and those who follow them. We find here the "Seventh-day" portion of the name.

"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. 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 another 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."

Lucan: What is the patience of the saints?

We may read the most relevant answer a 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)

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; where Luke says patience, Matthew speaks of enduring. 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 word "hypomeno" that is translated here as "endurance," 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)

Now, the association between patience and endurance is a clear one, both in language and in concept. The association between patience and a tarrying time is a clear one to Adventists, or at least was at one time. Scripture also makes this 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)

Again, in the prophetic record, we read in the 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 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 would claim to keep the word of His patience as inheritors of these promises. Yet through this spirit of independence, the Scriptures declare that they do 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)

The patience of the saints leads to the unity of the saints, in mind and in mouth. It leads to the same selflessness as 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 less obvious is 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 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)

Yet as we have seen, this patience constitutes much more than simply waiting without denying Christ in word; no, 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, 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)

This servant is not an unbeliever, but is appointed a portion with them. 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 a 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, but patiently looking to the outcome. 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 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?" or "Give thanks in all things." Those who refuse this patience cannot be saved in the time of trouble, for they have refused to make Yahweh their strength and defense, and it is Yahweh alone who can sustain us in that time.

Had the 37th chapter of Psalms been diligently read and believed by those who actively and presently persecute the people of God, such a thing could never have taken place. 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 towards such:

"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)(LMK)

Pastor Chick: F

Adriel777: F Amen

Barb: F

Naraiel: Amen

daphna dee: F

Lucan: Now, we have read 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

Adriel777: F

Barb: F

daphna dee: 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)

Those who have the faith of Yahshua do the works of Yahshua, and anticipate the soon return of Yahshua. These cleanse themselves in the blood of the lamb, and are restored through sanctification to the character that belonged to us AT the creation, before the corruption of sin, in the image of God. It is at "the revealing of the sons of God" that Yahshua returns for His people, and those who patiently await this refuse any course of action that would stain them before heaven. These are they who "endure" unto the end. They will not be found with the blood of the saints in their cup, or the keys to their brethren's prison cells in their pockets.

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. Revelation 14:12, therefore, does not speak only of the name Seventh-day Adventist; it speaks of the name Creation 7th Day Adventist.

HERE is the patience of the saints, awaiting creation since the creation, keeping the Sabbath as it was in the creation, and as new creations themselves, refusing to imprison or kill others with civil power. 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 acting as those who believe in His soon Advent.

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 whithersoever 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 1:11-15)

Are there any questions or comments on the study?

Adriel777: Amen!

Zahakiel: C

Lucan: Go ahead

Zahakiel: Thank you for tonight's study. I thought it was quite insightful. I have two thoughts to share...

One occurred when you spoke of "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?" or "Give thanks in all things.""

It may be easy to overlook, because it is not carved in stone, but Paul gave us a divine instruction when he said, "Rejoice in the Lord always." (Phil 4:4) This is a spiritual command, and like all commands from our Father, it cannot be fulfilled if the heart and mind are not in Sabbath rest...

The born-again heart is thankful, and because of that, it rejoices. That is its nature... and it does not deny itself by ceasing to give thanks, or refraining from rejoicing. There are Gethsemanes and times of sorrow and trouble through which every saint must surely pass... but these are temporary, fleeting, and the spirit easily returns to its natural state. A saint, simply, is joyful...

The second thought is this one... and you did speak of this during study, but I would like to point this out again, particularly for those who may be reading these studies after Sis.

Jody posts them, or who (like Victoria in Colombia) may be receiving exposure to these matters for the first time.

The key text for your study was this one: Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. You asked the question, "Where is Here," and you proceed to answer it quite well, establishing all the elements of the name "Creation Seventh Day Adventist." They are a small, persecuted - and not persecuting - people, with a special connection to the various uses of "creation" in the Bible...

While it may be a fairly obvious observation, it is worth stressing that this verse appears right after the 3 Angels' Message... right after that Everlasting Gospel that draws together the last generation of holy ones. It is after giving these statements, that speak of Yahweh's coming judgment, which invites mankind to stand before Him in victory, and then the fall of Babylon, which is an end to the confusion of false doctrine, and then the prophecy of the Mark of the Beast, which requires perfect faith and unity to endure... It is in this context that the inspired writer notes: If you want to see those who keep the commandments of Yahweh, and those who have the Faith of Yahshua... then look HERE.

This is what that "banner" looks like. Look at those who teach of Yah's coming judgment, and how to prepare. No other people but the true saints will speak of victory over sin in an unblemished, undiluted way. Look here, to find those who teach a pure doctrine, combining spiritual knowledge with unfeigned, practical love. Look here, to find a people who actually know what the Mark of The Beast looks like in this generation, a snare so subtle that only the eyes of the Spirit can see it, but once it is revealed, becomes so obvious that none can miss... and then the Spirit says, "Cleave to these people. See where they are, and come near."

This is not an independent ministry, of which Bro. Luke spoke in the study, but Creation Seventh Day Adventism is a sure covenant of faith. Thus far, I am largely re-stating things, but the specific thought that came to me was this: The promise is not for those who stand on the outskirts and say, "Blessings on Israel." It is for those who are grafted in, who are part of the same plant, drawing nourishment from the same Root, which is Christ, and producing the same fruit, which is a sanctified life. On the basis of this verse, I make an appeal to all who may read this study... do not remain content separate from the Covenant of Yahweh. The Kingdom of Heaven is obtained by those who accept Christ entirely, His mind in conversion, His spirit in inspiration and justification, and also His Body... that is, His People. There must be repentance, faith, and baptism into His people, and then it will be said also of you, "Here is one who keeps the commandments of Yah, and has the faith of Yahshua." End.

Lucan: I appreciate the re-statements. :) It is notable that Paul not only wrote, rejoice in the Lord always, but then added, "and again I say, rejoice..."

Zahakiel: (Right :))

Lucan: It's as though he knew this would be an issue some may be tempted to overlook, and so repeated himself explicitly.... Repetition can often bring new insights and blessings that can be missed on the first glance... And, I think the "altar call" you've made is a good example of both. Are there any other comments? If not, I'll ask Pastor to close with prayer.

Pastor Chick: Dear Father in Heaven. We DO rejoice in knowing who we are, knowing that we are Your saints, but not of our own doing... for we are the creation of YAH. And because of the Comforter we have in knowing, we Rest from all our labors to be and with great expectation of our reward, we eagerly and patiently look for the second coming of Your only begotten Son. With thanksgiving, we honor and praise Your holy name as we stand fearlessly holding high the banner of Your love -- here we are! Come all who thirst, for we have tasted and know it is satisfying throughout eternity. In Yahshua's holy name, Amen.

gadriel: Amen.

Barb: Amen

Lucan: Amen

Zahakiel: Amen.

daphna dee: Amen

Adriel777: Amen

Naraiel: Amen