

The Lord is Long-suffering

Sermon Outline

Exodus 34:6 - The Lord, The Lord God is merciful, gracious, long-suffering...

Long-suffering - suffers long, is patient, is slow to anger

Literally - "big-nosed". In Hebrew thought the nose is the center of anger. The bigger the nose, the slower to anger.

Long-fused.

God's Suffering

Education, p. 263 - Few give thought to the suffering that sin has caused our Creator. All heaven suffered in Christ's agony; but that suffering did not begin or end with His manifestation in humanity. The cross is a revelation to our dull senses of the pain that, from its very inception, sin has brought to the heart of God. Every departure from the right, every deed of cruelty, every failure of humanity to reach His ideal, brings grief to Him.

Genesis 6:5, 6 - Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually, and the Lord was...grieved in His heart.

Psalms 95:10 - For forty years I was grieved with that generation, and said, "It is a people who go astray in their hearts, and they do not know My ways."

Mark 3:5 - He was grieved by the hardness of their hearts.

2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord is...long suffering towards us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Romans 2:4 - Do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and long-suffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

Our Suffering

1 Peter 2:19-23 - For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your own faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously.

James 1:2, 3 - My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

Other's Suffering

James 2:15-17 - If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

1 John 3:17 - But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

James 1:27 - Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Where to go when we're short on Patience?

Galatians 5:22 - The fruit of the Spirit is ... long-suffering.