

**Today's Order of Worship**

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: David Key

Opening Prayer: Greg Lowery

On the Table: Head - Billy Box  
Servers - Arlen Foss  
Gary Addison  
Eddy Dickinson

Closing Prayer: Al Corkren

Preparing the Lord's Supper Katie Berryhill

**Weekly Service Times**

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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# *False Accusations*



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**He Endured**

By Winfred Clark

If you will look for this phrase in your Bible, you will find it in Hebrews 11:27. It is spoken of Moses after a long and eventful life that was lived in service to God.

When you think of one enduring, you think of one facing opposition or some kind of difficulties. This was the case with this good man. It was not easy for him nor is it for any man who seeks to do the will of the Lord. Yet, it is said of him, “he endured”. That just means, “he kept on keeping on”.

Can we find some of the things he endured? Can we measure the man by what he faced? Can we see what it cost him to be faithful? I believe we can.

**I. He Faced The Contempt Of A Ruler**

When Moses went to Egypt, he was to tell Pharaoh to let God’s people go. His answer was, “Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go” (Exod. 5:2)? The man who sat on the throne of Egypt had no regard for the God that Moses served. He showed nothing but contempt for the commands of God. He was not a believer nor could he see why others would believe.

This can have its effect in the hearts and minds of people. For example, a young man or woman might find themselves in a classroom surrounded with atheistic thinking. They will find such folks do not believe there is a God. They will deny the very existence of God. In fact, they will challenge the Bible itself. What then is that young person to do? When he hears the Bible challenged or God mocked, what is his reaction to be? The same attitude is to be present as was in the case of Moses. There was no surrender of his faith just because a man like Pharaoh did not believe what he had to say. He knew what God had said, and that was enough for him. He knew there was a God that was superior to all the gods of Egypt. He knew God had sent him on the mission, along with Aaron. Knowing all of this would help him to endure.

**II. He Endured In Spite Of Complaints**

One doesn’t have to go far with Moses and the children of Israel into the wilderness before he is aware of one complaint after another. All of this was true in spite of things

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Don Lawrence: surgery for block arteries went well but discovered that he has blockage to his kidneys, please be praying that recover goes well from recent surgery and that the blockage to his kidneys can be removed

Mary Rainey: she has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Maylene McWhirter: her blood gases are showing signs of myeloid leukemia, please be praying for her and her family

Jack Waldon: {Linda’s Brother-In-Law} he is under hospice care, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Billy Lee: {Carolyn’s Brother} diagnosed with renal failure, please keep him in your prayers

Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Sister}: having problems from a perforated ulcer she will have surgery to fix this problem, please pray that the surgery will be successful

Connie Autrey: recent scans show that the cancer is shrinking, please continue to pray that the treatments will continue to work in defeating her cancer

Doug Roberts: is in the nursing home in Hamilton recovering from a recent stroke, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Bobby Sanderson: is scheduled to have heart valve replacement Tuesday (Sep. 25<sup>th</sup>), please pray that the upcoming procedure will be successful and that he will have a quick recovery

Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Robeana Green: has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that with treatments that this cancer can be defeated

**Upcoming Events**

Today	Tri-County Singing {Tidwell Chapel}	2:00 pm
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	{Feeding Football Team Breakfast}	
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Country Place	2:00 pm
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Nursing Home	2:00 PM

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Angie Ganey Gardner: she has been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer, please pray that this cancer will be treatable

Larry Harris: has been diagnosed with lung cancer and will be taking treatments, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating this cancer

Amy Weeks {Donna’s Niece}: has asked for prayers to help overcome addictions, please pray that she will turn to God for help and strength

Lisa Cotton: will have a tumor removed from her neck which is next to the carotid artery October 1<sup>st</sup>, let us be praying that the surgery will be successful and no cancer will be found

Lauren Box: having problems with her bladder, please pray that this problem will come to an end and that she will have no further problems

God did for them. They had been brought out of Egypt with a strong arm. They had seen wondrous things, but still they were given to complaints. They had all they could need, yet they would still complain. Such complaints are registered in Exodus 16:2-3.

**III. He Endured In Spite Of Criticism**

Moses was no more immune to criticism than any other man. Any man that is placed in a position of responsibility like this is bound to face it. You will find that even his own kin would criticize him (Num. 12:1-2).

The question is not, “will one be criticized?” That is going to occur. The real question is, “how will one react when such comes?” We know how it was handled in the case of Moses. He is said to be “very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth” (Num. 12:3). That means Moses had his feelings under control. It means he could keep his balance in the very difficult and trying situation.

When others later accused Moses of taking too much upon himself, he will show the same kind of self-control. He would not allow himself to make matters worse than they already were. He would allow the Lord to take care of the matter in his own way. That is the way he would handle criticism. He endured, and so can we.

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## Suffering For Righteousness Sake

By W. Terry Varner

Both god’s word and our personal experiences declare that living in this world causes us to be subject to many difficulties: disease, pain, temptation, persecution, etc. It is persecution or “suffering for righteousness sake” that we address in this article.

The faithful Christians will suffer for living righteously. Jesus states: “Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5:10). Paul writes: “yea, and all that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution” (2 Tim. 3:12). Luke writes, “...through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God” (Acts 14:22).

The greatest thing is to be “in the kingdom of God”. Being in the kingdom demands we live as God wants us to live (cf. Titus 2:12). Jesus stated:

If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you...but because ye are not of the world,...therefore the world hateth you...If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you... (John 15:18-20).

These texts do not state one “suffers for righteousness sake” when (1) he suffers problems by endorsing a cause, contrary to Christianity; (2) doing wrong rather than right (cf. 1 Pet. 4:15-16); and (3) one has a persecution complex, i.e., courts and seeks suffering. Our suffering, in which we are “blessed” (Matt. 5:10-12) results from living for Christ. When we live for Christ, we live differently than those who are not Christians (cf. Tit. 2:11-12). When we do we will suffer persecution. The holy and righteous life of Christ made the Pharisees so unhappy that they hated Him and found fault.

The Christian cannot always be some nice, popular, harmless child of God who never offends: “Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! For so did their fathers to the false prophets” (Luke 6:26). There are times in life when a Christian will suffer for living a godly life. When this occurs, he must patiently endure for the sake of Christ and his soul.

The Christian lives for Christ (Rom. 14:8) because he has been bought with a price (1 Cor. 6:19-20). Loyal to Christ, he can endure persecution “for my sake” (Matt. 5:11) and “rejoice and be exceeding glad” (Matt. 5:12; cf. Rom. 5:3; Jas. 1:2). The Bible states: “that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together” (Rom. 8:17).

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