

Scripture: Matt. 21:33-46
Singing: 374 – 87 – 23 – 14:1. 3, 4, 7

Opening observations

- We can never *comprehend* God Who is *infinite*

- This truth should make and keep us *humble and careful*
 - Job failed in this regard (Job 42:2-6)

 - Luther: *Your thoughts of God are too human!*

- God is not just *pre-eminent* but *transcendent* (Ps. 89:6-7)

- Pray to stand in awe
 - that He made Himself known to us in His Word

 - that sin is exceeding evil

 - that God is so *long-suffering or patient*

The God of Patience (2)

I. Glory II. Revelation III. Objects IV. Worship

I. THE GLORY OF GOD'S PATIENCE (REVIEW)

A. His patience is a *perfection like His love and holiness: it appears as a central link in golden chain of God's attributes* (Winslow)

1. His patience *creates the room for His mercy to be revealed*

2. Yet never think that God's patience is a weakness or softness to evil

II. THE REVELATION OF GOD'S PATIENCE

A. How does God reveal His patience to us?

1. He endures us long, though He sees evil much: Ezek 11:5; Gen. 6:5

2. By giving repeated warnings of His judgment Matt. 10:28; 11:20-24

3. By extending His arm of mercy to receive us: Is. 55:7-8

- Charnock: *He first waves the white flag of peace before black one of war; He offers peace before He shakes off the dust of His feet!*

4. By waiting so long to lead sinners to repentance: 2 Peter 3:9

B. The objects of God's patience are not only unregenerate sinners

1. God show even more amazing patience towards His own

Closing Reflections: Who of us can find fault with such a God of patience?

A. Don't make wrong conclusion: His long-suffering is not always-suffering

B. Is God opening your mind to the *truth of His glory? How know?*

1. You know that *by what happening to you or rather – in you!*

a. in our fall we all *become blind for God's greatness*

b. as fruit of God's regenerating grace, *we fall out of love with ourselves as we grow in love to Him*

c. the greatest marvel, *How could God endure to me so long?*

THOUGHTS ON GOD'S GLORY

As no place can be without God,
so no place can compass or contain Him. (Charnock)

The Lord's presence is infinite; His brightness insupportable;
His majesty awesome; His dominion boundless, and
His sovereignty incontestable. (M. Henry)

God is infinitely farther above the tallest archangel
than that an archangel is above an earthworm. (W. Plumer)

There is nothing little or small in God. (Spurgeon)

Creation did add nothing to the essential wealth
or worthiness of God. (A. Strong)