

IPA WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Weekly Announcements

Sunday 08:30 AM - 09:30 AM - IPA MORNING SERVICE

Join us every Sunday morning in the IPA Fellowship hall for worship.

08/11/10 Wed 10:00 AM - Ladies Prayer Meeting

Bro. N.T. Thomas & Sis. Susamma

08/11/10 Wed 08:00 PM - IPA Prayer Meeting

2 Lawrence St., Hicksville, NY

08/13/10 Fri 10:30 AM - Fasting & Prayer Meeting

Bro. Tams Mathew & Sis. Mini

08/14/10 Sat 07:30 PM - Saturday Meeting & SNL @ IPA

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Work & Wait: The Power of Patience (James 5: 7-12): Part 2

James presents before us three illustrations of patience so that we can emulate and derive inspiration and encouragement from them:

- Learn from the Farmer : vs.7
- Learn from the Prophets : vs.10
- Learn from Job : vs.11

“As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered.” In this epistle we see the term “blessed” has been used three times by James (James 1:12, 1:23 & 5:11). The world has a totally different definition of the term blessed; and when we study scripture we can find that the true state of being blessed might be diabolically opposed to the idea and concept that the world has to offer.

Learn from Job

James reminds his readers about the victory won by Job because of his perseverance. A believer can only persevere in life when he goes through a trial. James uses Job as an example of one who had endured the trial and was blessed. There is a blessing that we experience when we endure the trial and there is a blessing after we have endured the trial. As the scripture unfolds the events that surrounded the

life of Job one cannot help but be amazed at the faith and the perseverance of Job as he faced the assault on his family with grace and staunch faith in his God. Indeed, Job stands out in the scripture as the personification of what perseverance and patience is all about. When we generally speak about the patience of Job, we need to take into account the fact that Job was anything but passive. As we the mind boggling drama of his life unfolds before our eyes we see him passionately resenting what had come upon him. With much passion he questions the arguments of his so called “friends”. These so called friends were of no comfort to him as he goes through the most trying trials of his life. The very friends that he hoped might have consoled and comforted him actually condemn him. The words of Job concerning the attitude of his friends reveal the pain and the depth of the wounds his friends had inflicted upon him. “Miserable comforters are you all!” Job 16:2. We find Job passionately agonizing over the terrible thought that God himself might have forsaken or forgotten him. But the great fact about Job is that in spite of the barrage of questions that tore his heart, he never lost faith in

God. Oh what words of faith that pour out of his mouth! “Though he slay me, yet will I trust him.” The very greatness of Job lies in the fact that in spite of everything that tore at his heart, he never lost his grip on faith and his grip on God. As the book of Job comes to its conclusion we are given a glimpse into the life of Job. He comes out of the trials as one who had a revelation of God as never before. “My ears have heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.” Job 42:5. James poses a question to his readers ‘You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about.’ Yes, the Lord made him prosperous again and gave him twice as much as he had before.

“Above all, my brothers, do not swear...”, when we take into consideration this verse about oaths and swearing, one might wonder what these words have to do with patience in trials and in suffering. When one goes through various kinds of trials and suffering we have a tendency to speak and speak without thinking our words through. How often we say things in the heat of the trial later only to regret our words. We make promises that we don’t keep and often are not capable of abiding by. Whether in seasons of suffering or moments of

trial we need to orient ourselves not to speak in haste, lest we say what we don’t mean and mean what we don’t say. The most criticism that is leveled against modern Christians is that they are hypocrites. While it is a shame that the Children of God have been labeled in like manner, quite often we ourselves are the reason for such blatant remarks and labels leveled against us. In fact, James is simply reminding us of our Lord’s teaching in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:34-37). Jesus taught that we need to steer away from all kinds of swearing and “simply let your ‘yes’ be ‘yes’ and your ‘No’ ‘No’ anything beyond this comes from the evil one.”

When we examine the life of the Farmer, the Prophets and Job we can definitely conclude that patience and perseverance pay off. Their lives stand as a glittering example and we can derive encouragement and strength to carry on in our works without wavering or faltering. Shall we wait like the farmer for the spiritual harvest! May we continue to speak for the Lord like the Prophets and like Job, wait patiently for the Lord to fulfill his plan and purpose for our lives; what a challenge!

IPA Lancaster Show & Family Retreat

August 27, 2010 @ 4:15PM, show "JOSEPH" @ Lancaster PA

August 27-29, 2010 - IPA Family Retreat

@ Black Rock Retreat, Lancaster PA www.blackrockretreat.com

PYFA (www.pypa.org)

Sing off: Register your team for the sing off

Date & time- Friday August 20, 2010 @ 6:30 PM

Place- Darby Performing Art Center at Chaminade High School (Mineola, NY)

30th National Youth Conference: "You're the God of This City"

Date: August 20-21, 2010 (Friday & Saturday @ 6:30PM),

August 21, 2010 (Saturday @ 5:00PM) 30th Anniversary Celebration

August 22, 2010 (Sunday @ 9:00AM)

Location: The Darby Auditorium (Parents) The New Chaminade Athletic Center (Youth)-

Mineola, NY

Guest Speakers: Rev. Doug Philips from Florida, USA (Youth),

Rev. V.J. Samkutty from London, UK (Adult)

Cost: \$8 Advance Purchase/\$10 at the door

PYPA Annual Convention

September 10-11, 2010

Time 06:30PM - 09:30 PM

Guest Speakers: Rev. B. Monachan- (Adult), Evg. Glenn Badonsky- (Youth)

Worship: 11th hour- (Youth), Zion Singers & PYPA Choir- (Adult)

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