

STORE UP YOUR PATIENCE

God himself tells us we have need of patience, and he means stored up patience, 'that after you have done the will of God you might receive the promise'. This is true of patience. It is also true of hope because patience bears everything on Hope's back.

Now because we never know how much affliction and temptation God intends to lay upon us, we must never stop trying to strengthen our hope. There are hard duties to be performed, and strong trials to be endured, which require a proportionate hope. We are to 'hold fast' the rejoicing of the hope, firm unto the end. A Christian with weak hope cannot rejoice.