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Sermon – Patience of the Saints

Scripture -Rev 6:5-6, 13:5-18 14:9-13

Main Message – Are you finding yourself becoming impatient with the state of the world? It may alarm you to know that it can and will get worse.

The problems we see in our country are also evident on the world stage. We should be different, but we are becoming more and more secular of a nation that does not honor God or His Holy Laws. If you spend anytime at all considering current events and the actions of so many who are completely misguided, you could be feeling frustrated and impatient. We've had some relatively minor issues even here in Fair Haven, but the world view is pressing upon our borders and the issues at large will creep into our lives and community. Some things already have. A very obvious and simple one is the cost of food and other essentials. Prices are way up. Why? What can explain it? **Read Rev 6**

The economics of the world is broken beyond all manner of decency. It didn't happen overnight and we have all been conditioned to paying taxes at levels that seem more like theft than providing the services we need. The time is coming when folks will have to work all day just to have a small measure of food. People will be working hard just to eat. What does that do to society? Who wins when life is like that? People's patience will be worn down. Eating is kinda important. How can we send Billions and Billions every where else in the world and not do obvious things to help our own citizens. We are last on the list. Our infrastructure, borders, energy needs, and care for those on the lowest echelon of the economic scale are suffering. Can you see food riots. Can you see looting, stealing, crime just to survive in the future. Can you see even more strict government control over your life? **Read Rev 13**

Yes, patience to continue to follow God in the midst of terrible times is coming. We can see the degree of antisemitisms displayed continually. In Ithaca a man was arrested for making threats. Many more are marching in support. Patience is needed. Supernatural Patience is needed.

Read Rev 14:9-13

Play this scenario in your head. The new homeless, foodless, and drag on the future society are those who put their faith in Christ, because we don't fit in. The Saints, those who believe, will need to persevere under persecution the like of which in the USA are beginning to see.

The future Holocaust will include Christians.

This paints a dismal picture on the future doesn't it. I take this time before we get into the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years to give you a time to reflect on this for a reason. Take this time of Joy and Spread it to all with an unbridled passion because there will come a time when it will take every bit of the patience you have to persevere and the memory of such times as these may carry you through the trials in the future.

This day, this season is a blessing. Give glory to God in he highest because He has done great things for us all and has foretold us all things.