

Our Good God's Great Patience

God is good . . . all the time!

- ◆ What does our responsive chant about God's goodness mean?
Two things:
- ◆ Proclamations of God's goodness / good will, Ps. 34:8, 86:5, 119:68, Nah. 1:7, Rom. 8:28, 12:2, Js. 1:17.

God is patient . . . all the time!

- ◆ God's patience is an aspect of his benevolence / goodness; it is often mentioned in credo-like statements ("slow to anger" from the idiom *long of nose*, contra I Sam. 20:34.
- ◆ See Ps. 86:15,16, 145:8,9, Ex. 34:6,7, Num. 14:17,18, and God's patience as shown in I Pt. 3:18-20, II Pt. 3:9,10.

God wants us to have a good deal of patience.

- ◆ We are supposed to be the most patient people on the planet. Why can it be tough for us as American believers?
- ◆ Our call to patience—Col. 3:12,13, II Tim. 2:24, I Pt. 20b, Js. 1:9, 5:7, I Thess. 5:14, Heb. 6:11-15.

Bad versus good responses to God's patience:

- ◆ Consider two infamous responses to God's patience and one that is hopefully not going on in your life right now. Check out Jonah 4:1,2, Matt. 18:25ff., Rom. 2:4,5.
- ◆ Question: Is God's grace and patience infinite?

