

Before the THRONE

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1 Samuel 13:1-14

“... Saul waited there seven days for Samuel, as Samuel had instructed him earlier, but Samuel still didn't come. Saul realized that his troops were rapidly slipping away. So he demanded, "Bring me the burnt offering and the peace offerings!" And Saul sacrificed the burnt offering himself...” (1 Samuel 13:1-14)

“In your patience possess ye your souls.” (Luke 21:19)

There is always a pressure to act prematurely. King Saul lost his kingdom because his character lacked patience and self-control. His impatience forced him to intrude upon the priestly ministry. Impatience marks the end of our own strength of character and it is at this point we must lean with determined purpose upon the Holy Spirit's indwelling character.

As the farmer receives his harvest through patient endurance, so our hearts are to be established in patience which will allow us to reap the intended harvest of our prayers and lives as well!. (James 5:7-8). “But ye have need of patience that, after you have done the will of God, you might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and He that shall come, will come, and will not tarry.” (Hebrews 10:36-37).

Had King Saul waited a few more minutes – had he been patient a little while longer – he would have gained an everlasting name of honor! (1 Samuel 13:13). Today we too may be faced with the choice to be patient and wait upon God or allow unbelief or fear to force us into premature presumptuous actions that may cost us our dreams or our very lives! “They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength.” (Isaiah 40:31). Fear not! The Lord's answer is forth coming. “... Bring forth fruit with patience.” (Luke 8:15)