

Now Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were delicate, but Rachel was beautiful of form and appearance. Now Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter." And Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to another man. Stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed only a few days to him because of the love he had for her. (Genesis 29:16-20)

When we are in a state of love or heavenly affection, we are in an angelic state, that is, as if we are outside of time, if there is no impatience in that feeling. For impatience is a physical feeling, and the more impatience we have, the more we are involved in time, but the less impatience we have, the less we are involved in time. We can see this by imagining the feelings of delight and happiness that come with affection and love. When we have these feelings we don't notice the time because we are involved in our inner self. A feeling of genuine love draws us away from physical and worldly things and raises our mind towards heaven, withdrawing us from matters of time. Reflecting on things we don't care for and love (which makes them tedious) causes an apparent sense of time. So we can see what it means that the seven years were in his eyes like a few days for the love he had for her. (Secrets of Heaven 3827)

Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. (Matthew 18:21-22)

But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience. (Luke 8:15)

You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But not a hair of your head shall be lost. By your patience possess your souls. (Luke 21:16-19)

"The patience of the saints" means the struggle of the faithful, or of those who are made spiritual by the Lord, because "patience" means spiritual patience, which is patience in enduring spiritual trials. (Apocalypse Explained 813.2)

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When such evil spirits are applied to us, they induce great pain by weariness, which they continually inflate and increase, even to the utmost impatience; which induces so great a weakness in the mind and in consequence in the body that we can scarcely rise from our bed. This was shown me by such weakness seizing me when they were present, and yet ceasing according to the degree in which they were removed. (Secrets of Heaven 5721.2)

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord. For they shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit. (Jeremiah 17:7-8)

I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate and the beasts of the field become too numerous for you. Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased, and you inherit the land. (Exodus 23:29-30)

The life of hell with us cannot be destroyed suddenly; for if it were destroyed suddenly we too would perish. Nor can the life of heaven be implanted suddenly, for if this were implanted suddenly, again we would perish. (Secrets of Heaven 9336)