

Patience commanded, reasons and purpose given	How to respond and why	1:2-12	“...count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations...” “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation...” Why? Promises of perfection and reward
	How NOT to respond and why	1:13-18	“Let no man say when he is tempted, ‘I am tempted of God...’ Why? God’s and man’s character Why? The Christian’s mission as firstfruits
How to be patient and fulfill the mission (1:19-21 is the outline: “...let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath...”)	Swift to hear	1:22-2:26	“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”
	Slow to speak	3:1-18	“And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity...” “But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.”
	Slow to wrath	4:1-5:6	“From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?”
Command to be patient is reiterated	Wait for the coming of the Lord	5:7-20	“Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.” “Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms.”

The usefulness of oaths

Exodus 22:11

Then shall an oath of the LORD be between them both, that he hath not put his hand unto his neighbour's goods; and the owner of it shall accept thereof, and he shall not make it good.

Hebrews 6:16-17

¹⁶ For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. ¹⁷ Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, **confirmed it by an oath:**

The attitude implied by an oath: fear of God

Deuteronomy 6:12-14

¹² Then beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. ¹³ Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, **and shalt swear by his name.** ¹⁴ Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you;

Deuteronomy 10:20-21

²⁰ Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, **and swear by his name.**

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Jeremiah 12:16

And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, **to swear by my name**, The LORD liveth; as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built in the midst of my people.

Isaiah 65:16

That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth **shall swear by the God of truth**; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.

Is all swearing forbidden?

Matthew 5:33-37

³³ Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: ³⁴ But I say unto you, **Swear not at all**; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: ³⁵ Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. ³⁷ But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Sometimes sickness results from sin

1 John 5:16

If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

What is anointing?

Ruth 3:3 Wash thyself therefore, and **anoint** thee, and put thy raiment upon thee...

2 Samuel 12:20 Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and **anointed** himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped...

Daniel 10:3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I **anoint** myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

Luke 7:46 My head with oil thou didst not **anoint**: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment.

Matthew 6:17 But thou, when thou fastest, **anoint** thine head, and wash thy face.