



The fruit we want to produce this week is Longsuffering or some may say Patience. We all have been in situations where we had to exercise patience. Whether it is with children, in line at a grocery store, waiting for water to boil when in a hurry to fix something quick, or in a traffic jam when late for an appointment, these everyday occurrences will contribute greatly in producing this fruit. Being able to master these small things, we will enable ourselves to handle the larger challenges that come. We all are familiar with the accounts of Iyob (Job) and Yoseph (Joseph). I won't go into details about their stories and the Scriptures does not tell us how long these men suffered. It could have been months or years, but we know they had the ability to endure. Tahalym 40:1-3, *"I waited, patiently for Yahuah and He inclined to me, and heard my cry. And He drew me out of the pit of destruction... And He set my feet upon a rock... Then He put a new song in my mouth; Praise to our Alahym."*

Those of you who are gardeners know the joy of planting seeds. From the time you dig the first hole the anticipation of the harvest is already blooming in your heart. You know it won't happen overnight, but you wait patiently for the fruit of your labor.

*Answers to prayers come in various ways
Sometimes in minutes, sometimes in days,
And some take years to fully unfold
The harvest of love and blessings they hold.*

*Answers to prayers come in various forms
Sometimes in sunlight, sometimes through storms,
Some blossom early and some blossom late
But each one will flower... have faith and wait.*

Helen Inwood

"So then, by their fruits you shall know them."