

James 5:7-11

Living In Light of the Lord's Return

1. Be _____ in Suffering and Trials: (7-8)

- a. Command: 'Be patient therefore brothers...' –Heb 6:15; 1 Cor 13:4
- b. Basis: the _____ of the Lord's return. –Matt 24:37-39; 1 Thes 4:15
- c. Behold: 'how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth':
 - i. The farmer earnestly _____ the harvest. –Matt 6:19-21
 - ii. He patiently _____ on God to send the rain. –Deut 11:14; Zech 10:1
- d. Command: '...be patient. Establish your hearts.' – Lk 22:32; 1 Thes 3:13
- e. Basis: the _____ of the Lord's return. –Mk 11:1; 13:29; 2 Pet 3:12

2. Do Not _____: (9)

- a. Command: 'Do not grumble against one another brothers' –Phil 2:14
- b. Basis: 'so that you will not be _____' –Matt 7:1; Jam 2:12; 4:11-12
- c. Behold: 'the Judge is standing at the door.'
 - i. God's imminent judgment motivates us by _____ . –Jam 2:12
 - ii. God's imminent judgment motivates us by _____ . –1 Pet 1:7

3. _____ the Example of the Prophets: (10-11)

- a. Command: 'As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.'
 - i. They are to _____ us how to suffer patiently. –1 Cor 10:11
 - ii. They _____ how God uses such suffering. –1 Pet 2:22-25
- b. Behold: 'we consider those blessed who remain steadfast.'
 - i. They will become _____ and _____. –Jam 1:2-4
 - ii. They will receive the _____ of _____. –Jam 1:12
- c. Example:
 - i. 'You have _____ of the steadfastness of Job...' –Job 1:20-22; 2:10
 - ii. '...and you have _____ the purpose of the Lord'
 1. 'how the Lord is compassionate...' –Job 42:10
 2. '...and merciful.' –Job 42:11

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Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.