

A STUDY OF THE EPISTLE OF JAMES

Genuine Faith

III THE TRIUMPH OF GENUINE FAITH - James 5:7-20

LESSON 10 - Faith Endures Waiting for Christ's Return - James 5:7-12

KEY VERSE

Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord (James 5:7a).

PONDER²

READ James 5:7-12.

WRITE the *word, phrase, or verse* that spoke to you the most. Explain. _____

PATIENCE AND THE FARMER

READ James 5:7-9.

1. How long are we encouraged to be patient³ (v. 7a)? _____

2. What is the first example James uses to teach us to be patient (v. 7b)? _____

3. Who gives the rain to the farmer (Deuteronomy 11:13, 14)? _____

4. What are believers exhorted to do and why (James 5:8)? _____

¹ Genuine: authentic, real.

² PONDER: think about and consider carefully God's spiritual truths as revealed in the Word of God.

³ patient - Greek *makrothumeo* long spirited: forbearing; longsuffering, endure.

⁴ Establish - Greek *sterizo* to set fast: to turn resolutely in a certain direction; to confirm.

LOOK DEEPER

What can you learn from the following Scriptures about patience in the believer's life?

Psalm 33:20 _____

Psalm 37:7 _____

Psalm 40:1 _____

Psalm 130:6 _____

Isaiah 25:9 _____

Lamentations 3:25 _____

Luke 21:19 _____

II Peter 3:4, 8-13 _____

James 1:4 _____

PERSONAL

How have these Scriptures challenged you to have patience until the coming of the Lord? _____

5. Why should we not *grumble*⁵ *against one another* (James 5:9)? _____

LOOK DEEPER

Christ is the Just Judge. How do the following Scriptures define Christ as Judge?

Psalm 75:7 _____

Psalm 96:13 _____

Isaiah 11:4 _____

John 5:22 _____

Acts 17:30, 31 _____

⁵ *grumble* - Greek *stenazo* to make in straits: narrow-minded; to sigh, murmur; pray inaudibly with grief; groan or sigh.

SUFFERING AND PATIENCE OF THE PROPHETS

READ James 5:10-11a.

1. What other example of patience does James give to believers (v. 10)? _____

How did the prophets and saints of old endure with patience, and triumph through suffering?
What afflictions did they suffer (Hebrews 11:30-40)?

2. How are believers to *count* those who endure (James 5:11a)? _____

PERSONAL

What encouragement did you receive from these examples? _____

PERSEVERANCE OF JOB

READ James 11b-12.

1. What saint of old does James expose as an example of patience and perseverance (v. 11b)? _____

LOOK DEEPER

In the Book of Job, we find forty-two chapters on the sufferings of Job.

READ Job Chapters 1, 2 and 3.

What is said about Job's character (Job 1:1-5)? _____

What did the LORD give Satan permission to do (vv. 6-19)? _____

What was Job's response to Satan's attacks on his family and all that he owned (vv. 20-22)? _____

How did the LORD allow Satan to further attack Job? What was Satan not allowed to do to Job (Job 2:1-8)?

What was Job's response to his wife when she tempted him to *Curse God and die* (vv. 9, 10)? _____

The rest of the Book of Job relates the triumph of his faith in God through his trials and afflictions.

2. What does Romans 8:28 say about *the end intended by the Lord* (James 5:11b)? _____

3. What characters of God are revealed (v. 11c)? _____

4. What are believers to avoid and to do? Why (v. 12)? _____

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WRITE out the KEY VERSE _____

Indeed we count them blessed who endure.

James 5:11a

⁶ judgment - Greek *hupokrisis* condemnation: acting under a feigned part, deceit, hypocrisy.

NOTES: _____

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