
#12 “Until the Coming of the Lord”

James 5:1-11

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JAMES

Warming Up

1. You’ve no doubt heard the common expression, “The best things in life are worth waiting for.” What are some everyday examples of this?

Digging In

Until the coming of the Lord, be patient . . .

2. *Accepting the trouble life dishes out (5:1-6).*
 - Who is James speaking about in these verses? For whose benefit is he making these strong statements? What is the purpose of this message?
 - Where do you see oppression and injustice around you in our world? In what way(s) do you feel that you have personally experienced this?
 - How do the facts that God knows your circumstances and will ultimately make things right (“the cries . . . have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts”) and that Jesus himself suffered unjustly (“you have condemned and murdered the righteous person”) help you to endure?
3. *Disciplining your heart in the face of it (5:7-8).*
 - Why is impatience a bad call in any and every situation? On the other hand, what are the benefits of exhibiting patience?
 - What does it mean to say that patience is a heart discipline or an intentional decision? How is patience active rather than passive?
4. *Enduring the pain with contentment (5:9-10).*
 - Do you find yourself treating those closest to you poorly even when they have nothing to do with your circumstances? How so? Why is this often the case?
 - James mentions those who were “example[s] of suffering and patience.” Rehearse some of the biblical characters that fit this bill. Can you think of any contemporary illustrations?
5. *Seeing that Jesus Christ is at work in you (5:11).*
 - James writes, “We consider those blessed who remained steadfast.” What does the word translated “steadfast” actually mean? How does this lead to God’s blessing?
 - How does Romans 8:28-30 shed light on “the purpose of the Lord”?

Breaking Out

6. How should the soon coming of the Lord impact your life here and now? What can you take away from this message and apply this week?



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