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Worship Service
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JAMES: Real Faith, Real Life

Lesson Twenty-Two • James 5:7-12

Patient Endurance in Suffering

In the Midst of Suffering

Our hope is the RETURN of the Lord Jesus Christ
and our response is to be PATIENT until He comes.

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord... James 5:7

You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. James 5:8

Patient Endurance in Suffering

1. Patient Endurance Looks to the Lord's COMING!

Illustration of Patience

Be patient like a FARMER: see how he waits for the harvest, patiently waiting for the early and the late rains (vs. 7).

2. Patient Endurance Requires an Established HEART!

While Waiting in Suffering

- STRENGTHEN your heart by contemplating the coming of the Lord (vs. 8).
- Guard against GRUMBLING against one another so that you will not be judged (vs. 9).
- Maintain integrity in your SPEECH by speaking the truth at all times (vs. 12).

3. Patient Endurance Culminates in God's BLESSING!

Two More Examples to Inspire Patience

- The patience of the PROPHETS in general (vs. 10).
- The perseverance of JOB in particular (vs. 11).

Be Patient in Suffering Till Jesus Comes!

You may be suffering now, but your suffering is not the end.

Blessing is the end if you will patiently endure till the coming of the Lord.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

Revelation 21:1-5