



## Lesson 10: Be Patient! The King is Coming! (5:7-13)

Today's text offers hope for those who are "weary in well doing" (Gal. 6:9). Perhaps you feel burned up by all the pressures of the world. In James 5 we find the motivation to live patiently – The King is Coming!

It has been said that \_\_\_\_\_ in every \_\_\_\_\_ verses in the New Testament speak of the second coming. In fact, \_\_\_\_\_ references are made about the second coming out of the \_\_\_\_\_ chapters in the New Testament. James 5:8 speaks once again on this theme. The message is clear – KEEP ON KEEPING ON FOR THE KING IS COMING!

The word "\_\_\_\_\_" (*parousias*) was a common term used to describe the visit of a king to a city or province of his kingdom and thus depicts Christ coming as a royal personage. James says to receive the incredible treasure of a king you must be patient. Many a treasure has been lost for lack of \_\_\_\_\_. Five times in verses 7-11 we read the word "patience." One time we read the word "endurance." Three examples are given about patience:

- 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ (5:7)
- 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ (5:10)
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ (5:11)

Each example teaches us to be steadfast as we wait for the coming of the Lord.

### WORK PATIENTLY LIKE A \_\_\_\_\_ (5:7-9)

*Makrothumial* ("patient") – don't become \_\_\_\_\_; be under control

#### A. Work with \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7a)

As the farmer waits for the harvest so we wait for the harvest at the end of the age. Not idly sitting by but patiently bearing the toils and delays that come with growing crops.

#### B. Work with \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7b-8)

True patience is strong and like the foundation has been tested by time before the frame was erected. What will you do when you must stand firm in persecution? Without inner resources to firm you up you will fall.

#### C. Work without \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9)

Don't grumble! At times it will require greater patience to endure the little naggings of fellow believers within the church then it does to endure the blatant abuse of those outside the church.

### WALK PATIENTLY LIKE A SPEAKER OF \_\_\_\_\_ (5:10)

There are few things more difficult than practicing patience the midst of \_\_\_\_\_.

The prophets proclaimed truth in the name of the Lord. In their position as representatives, they experienced affliction and responded to it with long-suffering patience. They predicted events that kings and priests did not want to hear and were persecuted for these messages. The lot of the prophets was one of sore affliction. Despite the increasing difficulty of their task they went on serving the Lord.

God never promised a \_\_\_\_\_ life on this earth. The Bible instructs us to \_\_\_\_\_ persecution. Would you remain steadfast to God's calling even if persecution came to America?

### WATCH PATIENTLY LIKE AN OLD TESTAMENT \_\_\_\_\_ (5:11-12)

*Hupomeno* ("patient") – remaining under while carrying a burden.

James provides \_\_\_\_\_ and his patience as an example to the church. Job's case is presented chiefly with the view of pointing to "the end" or conclusion which the Lord gave to him.

#### A. Patiently endure with the long-term \_\_\_\_\_ in view (v. 11a)

God urges you to look at the outcome. In the end, God blessed his servant Job far more than he had before his trial. God calls you, along with the saints of all ages, to trust in His promises. Those promises will strengthen and sustain you like nothing else can.

#### B. Patiently endure \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11b)

James ends his discussion on patience by giving a wonderful, sustaining, assurance: you can endure testing and trial if only you will remember God's nature. Your heavenly father "*has great compassion and pity.*"

If God enabled other to endure all sorts of agonies, He is perfectly able to do the same for you. Therefore, take hope. Don't say, "I \_\_\_\_\_ take it anymore." Learn how!