

Patience During Trials

James 5: 7-12

- What should we expect but trials and tribulation in this world which is cursed - Genesis 3 and John 16:29-33.
 - So let us wait with for the glory to be revealed to us at Christ's Coming - Romans 8:18
 - Peter encourages believers to keep on rejoicing in suffering - 1 Peter 4:12-19
 - Patience is tested in circumstances to the highest degrees of office - John the Baptist had doubt during his trial in Herod's prison - Luke 7:18–30
 - Paul responded with a cursing of the High Priest Ananias - Acts 23:1-5
 - When James talks of endurance in chapter 1:3-4 he is referring to circumstances here in chapter five James is referring to patience with people.
- I. How do we pursue patience during trials -
1. Christ is returning soon to collect us and judge - The Doctrine of Imminence
 2. Christ left models to follow -
 3. Christ is blessing us for enduring with His purpose and character -
 4. Christ has instructed us to be a people of integrity even in trials -
- A. Remember the imminence of Christ's return - James 5:7-9
1. Spiritual Alertness - We are to live as though everything depends on us knowing however that it all depends on God working in us. Philippians 2:12-13
- Human responsibility and Divine providence are not in conflict
 2. Urgency of the Gospel Mission - If you know the world has an end it effects your priorities as Peter states in 2 Peter 3:10-18
 3. Forgiveness becomes more important than vengeance or what we view as justice - Romans 12:19-21
 4. Hope in Suffering - Jesus says He will return "in clouds" - Mark 13:26
- B. The Model of those who have served the Lord - James 5:10
1. The prophets function was to proclaim the word of the Lord and so displaying all that he is, does and wills. The prophets spoke in the name of the Lord.
 2. The prophets were rejected by Israel however as Jesus denounced the Pharisees for there following that example of the Old Testament leaders - Matthew 23:29-36
 3. Moses had to endure the stiff-necked and rebellious - Exodus 17:4
 4. David was hunted by Saul - 1 Samuel 18:5 - 26:25
 5. Elijah faced hostility from Ahab and Jezebel - 1 Kings 18:17, 19:1-2, 21:20
 6. Jeremiah was the weeping prophet due to opposition - Jeremiah 18:18, 20:1-2
 7. Hebrews 11 those who endured as witnesses to us of Christ - Hebrews 12:1-3
- C. The blessing of endurance - James 5:11
1. Paul explains that we endure for the sake of Christ - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
 2. The endurance of Job is not even comprehensible but his response is for us to model only by God's grace which is amazing - Job 1:20-22
 3. Job looks to his Redeemer, Vindicator, Defender or Kinsmen, Christ - Job 19:25-26
 4. Job's endurance and repentance is rewarded - Job 42
 5. In all trials believers can be comforted by God's character for He is Full of compassion and is merciful - Psalms 86:15
- D. The blessing of integrity - Matthew 5:34–37 and Matthew 23:16–22 Psalms 30:5