

JAMES STUDY

CHAPTER 5:1-8

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Patiently Enduring in The Last Days” - Part 1

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

James 1:22

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only,
- deceiving yourselves.

INTRODUCTION: The Reading of The Text

vv. 1-8

James 5:1-8

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! **2** Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten.**3**Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days. **4** Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. **5** You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter. **6** You have condemned, you have murdered the just; he does not resist you. **7** Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. **8** You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

In Our Last Time Together;

“The Answer to Life’s Greatest Question”

1.) Is That, You & I Do Not Have All the Answers

vv. 13

Come now, you who say, "**Today** or **tomorrow** we will go to such and such a city, spend **a year** there, buy and sell, and make a profit";

1a.) Because Our **Normal** Perceptions are Wrong

Come now, you who say

1b.) Because Our **Time** Perception is Often Wrong

"**Today** or **tomorrow** we will go to such and such a city, spend **a year** there

1c.) Because Our Desires **Cannot Dictate Reality**

Buy and sell,

1d.) Because Our **Motives are Self-Centered**

Buy and sell, and make a profit

Jude 1:24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

2.) **Is We Don't Have Control Over Life's Situations** vv. 14

Whereas **you do not know** what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a **vapor** that appears for a little time and then **vanishes** away

2a.) Our Lives are **Fragile and Uncertain**

Whereas **you do not know** what will happen tomorrow.

2b.) Because of The **Brevity of Life**

For what is your life? It is even a **vapor** that appears for a little time and then **vanishes** away

Psalm 90:12

So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

3.) **Is We Must Learn to Let Go of Our Lives**

vv. 15

Instead you ought to say,

"If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."

3a.) **Yielded and Willing** to Surrender to God (*with a period*)

"If the Lord wills, we shall **live** and do **this** or **that**

Job 12:9-10

Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this?
¹⁰ in his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.

But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

4a.) It's Time to Surrender HIS life back to Him

4b.) "Willing" to do His Purposes above my Desires

Here we're seeing James answering the questions of our days in which we are living, by exhorting us to take inventory of what we're really living for. For what purpose have we disguised our efforts in Christian clothing? Or are we doing that thing that God Has Called us to do in this Life

"Patiently Enduring in The Last Days"

A Warning Regarding Today

2 Timothy 3:1-5

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

"The Answer to Life's Greatest Question"

...and what the answer is not

The Answer - it's not in the Stock Market.

The Answer - it's not in What You Own

The Answer is not even in the White House...

"The Answer to Life's Greatest Question"

Is Found in God's House!

The World's Situation, is a Spiritual Situation

designed, governed, and monitored, by The Sovereign Hand of God Himself

The Asian, The European, The Brazilian, An Emergency Effort to Shield the United States was Exercised by dropping the...

And it will eventually effect every human being on the face of the world

1 Peter 4:17

For the time has come (it's been arriving) for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

In James 5:1-8, James is
Contrasting the Actual Christian to those who Claim to be Christian

James 4:4

...Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

James 4:13

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit";

"Patiently Enduring in The Last Days"

1.) By Being Alert to the Real Dangers in this Life

vv. 1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! ² Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. ³ Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days. ⁴ Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. ⁵ You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned, you have murdered the just; he does not resist you.

Being Alert to the Real Dangers in this Life

1a.) God has made a **Prediction** Concerning the Rich

Come now, you rich,
weep and howl for your miseries **that are coming upon you!**

* Come now grk 33 age (ag'-eh);
personally, you privately, as an individual

“You (those who can here) Come”

(+) Who are the rich? (-)

Are they Christians that they run the risk of losing their salvation?
Or are they people who attend a church and think they're Christians because of the
wealth and prosperity?

((Born Again means Born Again))

Philippians 1:6
being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the
day of Jesus Christ;

Psalm 62:10b
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Why Should they Weep and Howl?

Joel 1:5
Awake,(snap out of it) you drunks, and weep; and wail, all you drinkers of alcohol, because of the
new wine that's coming, has been cut off from your mouth.

For your miseries **that are coming upon you!**

The Judgement is Coming Soon

By the 70 Invasion of the Roman Legions into Jerusalem

The Judgement is Coming Forever

The coming eternal punishment!!!

Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will
eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure **in the last days**

It's a Contrast to the Christian Nature!

Remember...

James 2:15-17 BSB

Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

When will this judgment be???
During the days of heaping up!!!

Being Alert to the Real Dangers in this Life

1b.) Riches Create a False Security

Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. ³ Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure **in the last days**

Gold & Silver

I am personally sick & tired of advertisements about gold & silver

- Your riches are **corrupted** **used for anything but God**
- Your garments are **moth-eaten** **constantly chewed upon**
- **3** Your gold and silver are **corroded** **venom infused**

“Doc Martin Shoes”

They really last

And their corrosion **will be a witness against you**

Corrosion

2728 katioo (kat-ee-o'-o); to be in the process of rusting down by flaking off.
a corrosive action that's subject to all material matter

Try to Build a house out of Gold
- it will flake

Matthew 6:19

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy
and where thieves break in and steal;

...Moses is Missing!

Exodus 32:31

Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold!"

O.T. Example

Exodus 32:22-24

So Aaron said, "Do not let the anger of my lord become hot. You know the people, that they are set on evil. ²³ "For they said to me, 'Make us gods that shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' ²⁴ "And I said to them, 'Whoever has any gold, let them break it off.' So they gave it to me, and I cast it into the fire, and this calf came out."

Drink their god

Exodus 32:20

20 Then he took the calf which they had made, burned it in the fire, and ground it to powder; and he scattered it on the water and made the children of Israel drink it.

What Happens When You Eat or Drink Something?

It will be heaped in a pile in front of you

It's My Personal Belief
but God in his mercy has begun to America's cloth's

In fact, at this moment the entire industrialized world is sitting on pins and needles trying to determine what can be done to fix the global economic situation that exists, that for the first time in world history, International financial Experts are not sure just what will be the next financial cliché to upset the world's economies and what it will do to the world's currency -- and your failing dollar!

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Thus says the LORD: "Let not the **wise man** glory in his wisdom, let not the **mighty man** glory in his might, nor let the **rich man** glory in his riches;
²⁴ But let him who glories glory in this, **that he understands and knows the Lord!**"

Quoting:

- The Oakland Tribune
- The San Francisco Chronicle

- **The Los Angeles Times**
and in the
- **The San Francisco Examiner**

G Campbell Morgan writes that when the Titanic was sinking, porters and looters and Thieves weighted their pockets and hands with the costly gold and jewels of others, then diving overboard they sank - sinking faster than all the rest!!!

Being Alert to the Real Dangers in this Life

1c.) The Non-Christian Practices Deceit at Others Expense

Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, **cry out**; and **the cries of the reapers** have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. ⁵ You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned, you have murdered the just; he does not resist you.

A Loss of Ethical Standard

wanting, causes a person to steal from others

If money is viewed correctly, then you'll be a generous employer

Leviticus 19:13 NIV

"Do not defraud your neighbor or rob him. "Do not hold back the wages of a hired man overnight.

Deuteronomy 24:14-15 NIV

Do not take advantage of a hired man who is poor and needy, whether he is a brother Israelite or an alien living in one of your towns. ¹⁵ Pay him his wages each day before sunset, because he is poor and is counting on it. Otherwise he may cry to the LORD against you, and you will be guilty of sin.

Malachi 3:5

And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness against sorcerers, against adulterers, against perjurers, against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, and against those who turn away an alien-- because they do not fear Me," says the LORD of hosts.

The Lord of Sabaoth (military might)

You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter. **6** You have condemned, you have murdered the just; he does not resist you.

Sound Familiar?

Acts 2:22-23

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know-- ²³ "Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;

Our Example !

1 Peter 2:20-23

For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. ²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ²² "Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth"; ²³ **who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;**

Matthew 19:23-25

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ "And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁵ When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"

THAT HAD Tribulation Broadcasting Network IN THOSE DAYS TOO !!!

What is Your Motive For Making More Money?
to advance the Kingdom?
to feed the homeless?

"Patiently Enduring in The Last Days"

2.) By Being Patient in an Impatient World

vv. 7-8

Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early (eall) and latter (spring) rain. ⁸ You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

How Can I Be Patient?

2a.) Because Kingdom Work Takes Time

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until the coming of the Lord

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((Illustration))

See how the farmer **waits** for the precious fruit of the earth

London - Waiting

what about, Peggy, what about Mohamad, & **Danny?**

How Can I Be Patient?

2b.) By Knowing that the Lord has Promised to Come again!

See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth,
waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain.

How Can I Be Patient?

2c.) Living Like it Can be Today

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