

JAMES STUDY

CHAPTER 5:9-12

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Patiently Enduring in The Last Days” - Part 2

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. 9-12

Prophecy is an extremely important fingerprint of God. When we look to the Book we find that He has already written down that which is to happen. He is the only one that can do this. Satan makes guesses and sometimes comes close. But only God has foretold the future in advance and that is called Eschatology!

There are other gospels

Galatians 1:6

I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

There are other Jesus'

2 Corinthians 11:3-4

But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. ⁴ For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different

If there's a collective sentence or verse that summarizes what is to be the Christian's attitude in our day (verses 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 and latter rain. ⁸ You also **be patient**. Establish your hearts, **for the coming of the Lord is at hand.....**

Jesus is Telling Us That

Being Patient and Having Possessions have a direct correlation to our Lifestyle as Christians in light of the Lord's Near Return!!!

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....**

It's His Soon Coming that excites me to Live for Him Today

Today Could Be The Day

Jesus Warned Against

Those Who Would Imply Hesitation on Christ's Part of Returning

Mark 13:34-37

"It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. ³⁵ "Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming-- in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning-- ³⁶ "lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. ³⁷ "And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

Matthew 24:48-50

48 "But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' 49 "and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, 50 "the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of,

The Christian is to be Ready... *like a fireman*

2 Peter 3:3-4,9

knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation...." ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Our Text Today

James 5:9-12

Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! ¹⁰ My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. ¹¹ Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord-- that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. ¹² But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "Yes," be "Yes," and your "No," "No," lest you fall into judgment.

James' Focus is for the Christian to be "Patient"
in light of the fact he may not possess much of this world's goods nor
be treated well in this life. But his reward is soon to arrive...

The Contrast is that luxury, wealth, and ease often lead to
corruption, faithlessness, impatience and grumbling.

Vs.

Hardship & dependence upon God, which leads to contentment,
faith, expectancy and patience.

I Know more Christians that have next to nothing materially,
yet possess a deeper and more fruit-bearing faith than others who have much!

James Warned in Verses 5

"You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury --
you have fattened your hearts as for the day of slaughter

For the UNCONVERTED Rich man

In the day of Judgment, his Possessions and Pleasures
will become a grotesque anchor around his neck

Job 36:18-19 KJV

Because there is wrath, beware lest he take thee away with his stroke: then a great ransom cannot
deliver thee. ¹⁹ Will he esteem thy riches?
no, not gold, nor your power.

Matthew 13:22b
Jesus Warned that
“**the cares** of this world and **the deceitfulness** of riches choke the word,
and that persons life becomes unfruitful. (UNCONVERTED)

The Christian Who is: “Patiently Enduring in The Last Days”

1.) Will be Guarding Against a Critical Attitude vv. 9

“Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! “

1a.) It's Our Human Nature - “Attitude” to Attack Another

Do not grumble against one another, brethren

- * Do not grk stop it now! Suggesting that we all do this very sinful thing.
We grumble and gripe and murmur and complain!
- * Do not grumble grk 4727 stenazo (sten-ad'-zo);
to make a formal (passionate) complaint against your circumstances and against God Himself. To murmur against God. To grumble about your life and the lives of others

This Will Kill a Church...

Isaiah 63:10
and the people of Israel rebelled and grieved the Holy Spirit; so He turned Himself against them and became their enemy!

Do not grumble (stop it now) ... at all

The Scripture is Powerful Here

meaning whatever has happened to you up until this moment and for every moment after, you leave it in God's hands

“Against one another”

When we criticize, put down and discredit one another,
WE ARE IN FACT ATTACKING JESUS HIMSELF

When we attack, criticize, put down and discredit the church
WE ARE IN FACT ATTACKING JESUS HIMSELF

Paul's Example

Acts 9:1-5a

Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest² and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.³ And as he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven.⁴ Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"⁵ And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you're persecuting.

What's This Doing to Jesus?

Ephesians 4:31-32

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

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Would Jesus Say This

Hebrews 12:14-15

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: **15 looking diligently** lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up and cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

A Living Parable of This Truth

Luke 7:36-50

Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat.³⁷ And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil,³⁸ and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil.³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, **he spoke to himself, saying, "This man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner."**⁴⁰ And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he said, "Teacher, say it."⁴¹ "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.⁴² "And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?"⁴³ Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged."⁴⁴ Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she

has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. ⁴⁵ "You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. ⁴⁶ "You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. ⁴⁷ "Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." ⁴⁸ And He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

Philippians 2:3-5

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

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1.) Will be Guarding Against a Critical Attitude

vv. 9

1b.) Because The Result of Our Attitudes Can Be Tragic

lest you be condemned.

A person who is sinning & unrepentant:

The Bible is clear - avoid them and stay clear of the Christian living in sin!

Romans 16:16-17

Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you. ¹⁷ Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and **avoid** them.

1 Corinthians 5:11

But now I have written to you not to keep company **with anyone named a brother**, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner-- not even to eat with such a person.

Proverbs 6:19

A false witness who speaks lies, and the person who sows discord among brethren I despise...

1c.) Because the Fear of The Lord Governs Our Attitudes

Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! "

The Imminent Appearing of Christ

1. Is the motive behind the teaching here at Calvary
2. Is the motive behind the evangelism here at Calvary
3. Is the motive behind the efforts here at Calvary

2 Corinthians 5:11a

Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we **persuade** men;

Luke 21:36

"Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Decide today to be 'Holy' in what you do

In Fellowship

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

In Discipleship

Acts 2:42-44

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then fear (awe) came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,

Why?

Because Here Comes The Judge!

1. We will be concerned about our own personal growth
2. We will be concerned about the lost world around us
3. We will be concerned with obeying what God has commanded

A personal growth / a personal evangelism / a personal obedience

!!! EXPECTANCY !!!

Cal-Tech is working hard to predict earthquakes within a weeks' time

What if Cal-Tech Announced to you personally, and you only that beginning Tomorrow there is a better than 95% chance of an earthquake striking Newport Beach within five days with a magnitude no less than 8.0 Richter scale..... what would you do?

Would you be interested in buying a beach front property?

Because the judge is coming back

2,000 years ago Jesus said...

Acts 1:7-11

And Jesus said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? **This same Jesus**, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come again in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

Let The Judge be the Judge

Hebrews 10:30-31

For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people." ³¹ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Titus 2:11-13 NIV

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope-- the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Jesus Put it This Way

Matthew 7:1-5

"Judge (condemn) not, that you be not judged (condemn). ² "For with what judgment you judge another, you will be judged with same; and with the measure you use it, it will be measured back to you.... ³ "And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? ⁴ "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? ⁵ "Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck out of your brother's eye.

The Christian Who is; “Patiently Enduring in The Last Days”

2.) Must Take the Bible Literal in its Application

vv. 10-11

My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. ¹¹ Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord-- that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

Romans 15:4-5a

For whatever things were written before (O.T.) were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope..... (Paul’s prayer for us) 5 Now **may the God of patience and comfort** grant you to be like-minded toward one another

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

Take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord
they were rejected, hated, scorned, and even killed

Jesus said that a time would come
in the Christian's life-experience that hatred would be directed toward you and I
because we Know God

Understand these (4) things

#1

The admission (by preaching, teaching, or evangelizing)
of God’s existence is **incriminating** to the world

#2

This knowledge would demand a response
i.e. repentance

#3

The response is to result in confession
confession, acceptance, assurance

#4

The logical reason is now to live a life, having a **life-mission**,
a charge, an assignment, a task, a goal

Because our message demands:

- Accountability • Responsibility • Intelligence

The world is against it

NOT BECAUSE OUR MESSAGE IS INCREDIBLE
BUT BECAUSE IT IS CREDIBLE

You can't prove that God doesn't exist
but the Christian can prove that God exists

John 13:34-35

34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Must Take the Bible Literal in its Application

2a.) Because we Literally need Encouragement - Prophets

My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord,
as an example of suffering and patience

The Prophets, the World has Killed...

"Men's Hearts Haven't Changed"

The Last Time God Took Mankind's Pulse

Romans 3:10b-18 NIV

"There is no one righteous, not even one; ¹¹ there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. ¹² All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one." ¹³ "Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit." "The poison of vipers is on their lips." ¹⁴ "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness." ¹⁵ "Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶ ruin and misery mark their ways, ¹⁷ and the way of peace they do not know." ¹⁸ "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

John 15:19

"If you were of the world, the world would love you. Yet because you are not of this world, but I chose you out of the world, for that reason, the world hates you."

All The Prophets of Old Died in Faith, Looking Ahead

Hebrews 11:13

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

The Prophets Are An Encouragement to Us Because

- They endured in faith, not knowing the outcome
- They suffered under great tests and difficulties without deliverance

Hebrews 11:32-38

And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets. ³³ who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. ³⁵ Women received their dead raised to life again. And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented-- ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy.

The Spirit that Hated Jesus Hasn't Gone Anywhere

The Mindset to Destroy the Christian is still in the world

If Non-Christians Hate You for Your Love and Obedience to God

“You’re Ranked Among the Prophets!”

1 John 4:3

and every person that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit (agenda) of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

Mark 10:42-45

42 But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 "Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. 44 "And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. 45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Must Take the Bible Literal in its Application

2b.) Because we Literally need Encouragement - From God

The prophets, who ‘spoke’ in the ‘name’ of the Lord

Must Take the Bible Literal in its Application

2c.) Because we Literally need Encouragement - Job's Life

Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You've heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord
-- that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

What the Prophets didn't see, Job saw. From the beginning of his hardships to the very end of his abundant blessings - - Job saw all of God's Divine Plan

Because of the Patience of the Prophets // Because of the Sufferings of Job
The New Testament Christian has been fortified with promises that are Proven

Job 2:9-10

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!"¹⁰ But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS

Job 42:12-14 NIV

Now The LORD blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first part. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys.¹³ And he also had seven sons and three daughters.¹⁴ The first daughter he named Jemimah,

I JUST KNOW THAT IT'S TRUE

Tyndale, Knox, Wycliffe, Hooper, Polycarp, Latimer, Bonhoeffer, Bunyan...
they stood on what was written in the Bible

We count them blessed (?)

I do not think that this can be said of the church in 20/21 century

"Victorious Christians You Should Know"

by Warren Wiersebe

...The makes you want to go out there and get stoned!

14 -- that the Lord is very **compassionate** and **merciful**.

The Christian Who is:

“Patiently Enduring in The Last Days”

3.) Willfully Commits All His Ways Unto the Lord

vv. 12

But **above all**, my brethren, ((do not swear)), either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "Yes," be "Yes," and your "No," "No," lest you fall into judgment.

Willfully Committing Our Ways unto the Lord

3a.) By What Manner of Speech We Use

But **above all**, my brethren, ((do not swear)), either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath.

But **above all**, my brethren

This is Most Important

But **above all**, my brethren, ((do not swear)), either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath.

* swear grk 3660 omnuo (om-noo'-o);
to declare an oath before God: to invoke before God, or to make a call, Assuming His Name. To invite God into Your Situation

Listen, I hear this a lot...

“I know the Lord is leading me in this direction, it just seems right...”

“The Lord has given me a peace about what I am going to do...”

“I Just believe that this what the Lord would have me to do”

Leviticus 19:12

'And you shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

Dragging God into Your Own Desires

James Calls it Blasphemy

Christians Say This All the Time

Show me in context, from the scriptures!
or you have nothing

#1

Unless you have firm direction from chapter and verses
from the Bible itself,

#2

and its confirmed by God to you in Prayer

Proverbs 3:6-8

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil. ⁸ It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones.

Time and the Situations,
will Tell all

**STOP BLAMING GOD BECAUSE YOU DROPPED HIS NAME
REGARDING WHAT YOU WANTED TO DO AND IT DIDNT TURN OUT**

Willfully Committing Our Ways unto the Lord

3b.) By Recognizing that Our Words do and will Count

But let your "Yes," be "Yes," and your "No," "No,"
lest you fall into judgment.

Matthew 12:36-37

"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. ³⁷ "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Willfully Committing Our Ways unto the Lord

3c.) Suffering and the Will of God

2 Timothy 2:12 KJV

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

Romans 8:18

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

1 Peter 5:10

But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

Philippians 3:8

Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

2 Corinthians 11:23-28

Are they ministers of Christ?-- I speak as a fool-- I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. ²⁴ From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; ²⁶ in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; ²⁷ in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness-- ²⁸ besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.

“The end intended by the Lord”

Hebrews 8:12

"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

Psalms 103:11-14

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; ¹² As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him. ¹⁴ For He knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.