

Be PATIENT the Judge IS Coming ~ James 5:7-9

→ Scripture Reading - James 5:7-9, 2 Pet. 3:8-9

INTRODUCTION

→ Have Patience...

PATIENCE is a **good-natured** tolerance (acceptance) of DELAY or INCOMPETENCE. ^{Bing}

James 3:2 (NIV) We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.

James 3:10 (NIV) **Out of the same mouth** come PRAISE and CURSING. ...this should not be.

Strengthen Your HEART ~ James 5:7-9 (Because the Wicked Rich WILL face God's Judgment...)

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹ Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

PATIENCE is an Attitude of long-suffering in the presence of affliction and injustice. **Patience** is able to ENDURE affliction without complaining, giving up, or retaliating while remaining **committed in obedience** to God. ^{HNT}

Believers are to be **PATIENT** and **Persevere** with unbelievers who OPPRESS them and they are to be **PATIENT** with other Christians who **IRRITATE** them. ^{Expositors}

IMPLICATIONS

→ The Farmer does his PART - then he has to TRUST God COMPLETELY

FAITH involves trusting God with what we cannot CONTROL. ^{CCE}

→ The SECOND Coming of Christ- will be a HUGE Contrast with His FIRST Coming

Titus 2:11-14 (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, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good.

→ A Bitter COMPLAINING Heart - will find it Hard to Wait PATIENTLY for the Lord

Philippians 2:14-15 (ESV) Do ALL THINGS without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world...

APPLICATION

2 Peter 3:8-9 (NIV) But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. **He is patient with you**, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Psalms 119:66-67 (NIV) **Teach me** knowledge and good judgment, for I **believe** in **Your commands**.⁶⁷ Before I was **AFFLICTED** I went astray, but **NOW** I obey your word.

God was Glorified and Job was PURIFIED through this PAINFUL experiences. If there is Nothing to ENDURE, you cannot Learn ENDURANCE. Wiersbe

Romans 5:1-5 (NIV)¹ Therefore, since we have been JUSTIFIED through FAITH, **we have peace WITH God** through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And **we REJOICE in the HOPE of the glory of God**.

³ Not only so, but **we ALSO rejoice in our sufferings**, because we know that **suffering produces perseverance**;⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope.⁵ And **HOPE does not disappoint us**, because **God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit**, whom he has given us.

We rejoice in suffering not because we like Pain or Deny its Tragedy, but because we know God is USING life's Difficulties and Satan's attacks to BUILD our Character. LAB

Why can we Rejoice in our Suffering?

- Suffering DEVELOPS Perseverance
- Perseverance DEVELOPS Character
- Character DEVELOPS Hope
- HOPE does not disappoint us because it FLOWS from GOD'S Love for us

There is a HOPE that lifts my weary head,
A consolation strong against despair
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit
I find the Savior there.
Through present sufferings, future's fear,
He whispers courage in my ear.
For I am safe in everlasting arms
And He will lead me home.

TAKE AWAY ??

Galatians 6:7-9 (NIV) Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. **A man REAPS what he SOWS**.⁸ The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.⁹ **Let us NOT become weary in doing good**, for at the **PROPER time we will REAP** a harvest **IF we do not give up**.