

## IN LIGHT OF THE LORD'S RETURN, WAIT PATIENTLY

(James 5:7-9)

### I. THE JUDGMENT COMING UPON THE OPPRESSIVE RICH (5:1-6)

### II. THE APPEAL TO BE PATIENT IN SUFFERING (5:7-12)

#### A. The Correct Response When You Have Been Wronged (5:7-9)

1. James transitions from pronouncing judgment on the rich \_\_\_\_\_ and their illegal actions (verses 1-6), to encouraging \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ patiently for that time. (v. 7a, cf. 1 Cor. 13:4; 1 Thess. 5:14-15)
  
2. The phrase, "*until the coming (Parousia) of the Lord*" has a pregnant sense, suggesting the idea of a goal as well as a time period...
  - a. Used as a technical term to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 24:37, 39; 2 Thess. 2:8)
  
  - b. That same term was also used to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 15:23; 1Thess. 2:19; 3:13; 4:15; 5:23)
  
3. James used the example of the farmer in Palestine to illustrate patience; just like anything else, patience must be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as the crops ripen between the rains. (v. 7b, cf. Gal. 5:22-23)
  
4. In v. 8 a second command is given to be patient; just as the farmer is at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the weather, which is \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_, so we must wait on the Lord patiently. (v. 8a)

5. Knowing that our reward lies ahead, in the meantime we are called to “*establish*” or \_\_\_\_\_ “*our hearts*”. (v. 8b, cf. I Thess. 3:12-13; 2 Thess. 2:16-17; Heb. 13:9)

6. The finish line is just ahead, the promise of the Lord’s return \_\_\_\_\_ stimulate \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for the race. (v. 8c)

\* Does imminency mean Christ must return soon?

7. When a believer is anxious, it is so easy to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, either about his/her difficulties or blame others for them. (v. 9a, cf. Eph. 4:1-3; 1 Thess. 5:14-18)

8. As Christians we should not be \_\_\_\_\_ of each other, because then we will be \_\_\_\_\_ by the Lord Himself. (v. 9b, cf. Matt. 7:1; James 4:11-12)

9. “*Behold the Judge is standing at the door*” pictures Christ ready to return in the Rapture; this hope should strongly motivate us to \_\_\_\_\_ with each other and \_\_\_\_\_ for Him. (v. 9c, cf. Matt. 24:32-34; Rev. 3:10-11)

\* How can you apply this truth in your own life personally?