

“WE COUNT THEM BLESSED WHO ENDURE”

(James 5:10-12)

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)

B. Examples of Those Who Patiently Persevered in Suffering (5:10-12)

1. Verses 10-11 draw our attention back to the two _____ to be _____ as given in verses 7-8, and now James illustrates it with two examples.
2. In regards to the prophets, James was teaching that God does not necessarily preserve the believer _____ suffering, but He does preserve him/her _____ and _____ suffering. (v. 10a, cf. Matt. 5:10-12)
3. James added this phrase, “*spoke in the name of the Lord*” to make it clear that these men did not suffer due to sinful choices, but because of their _____ to the will of God. (v. 10b, cf. 2 Tim. 3:12)

* What false belief does this dispel? (Heb. 11:36-40)
4. It is difficult to find a greater example of suffering than Job, who lost _____ of his children, all of his _____ and _____ in just a matter of days. (v. 11a, cf. Job 1:13-20; 2:3-8)

5. It is interesting that James did _____ say that Job had *makrothymia*, “*patience*” (5:7-8) but that he had *hypomonē* “ _____, *perseverance*, _____” (1:3-4).

6. Job _____ complain bitterly against God for His treatment of him, but yet even though he didn’t understand what was happening to him, he never _____ his _____ in the Lord. (Job 1:21; 2:10; 13:15; 16:19-21; 19:25-27)

7. In spite of Job’s complaining, God was “*compassionate and merciful*”, and extremely _____, and _____ at the end of his trial. (v. 11b, cf. Job 42:10-13)

* What might we conclude Job learned in this horrific trial?

8. When Christians become impatient under stress and lose self-control, it is easy to say things better left unspoken, which might include _____, abusing the Lord’s _____, or making hasty _____ you can’t keep. (v. 12, cf. Lev. 19:12; Matt. 5:34-37)

* Does the teaching of James and Jesus forbid any and all oath keeping?

* What can you personally apply from this passage today?