

Patience in Persecution/Suffering - James 5:7-12

Topics

Attitude, Complaining, Discouragement, Endurance, Giving Up, Judgment, Patience, Perseverance, Suffering, Swearing

Open It Questions

A. What are some of the things that cause you to lose patience?

B. What good things in life do you believe are worth waiting for?

Explore It Questions

1. What do we need to do as we wait for the Lord's return to earth?
(5:7)

2. What illustration did James use to describe the kind of patience we need? (5:7)

3. When will the Lord's coming occur? (5:8)

4. Why should we be patient about Christ's return? (5:8)

5. Why should we avoid judging others or grumbling against them? (5:9)

6. What will happen to Christians who grumble against their fellow believers? (5:9)

7. What people serve as good examples to us? How? (5:10-11)

8. In what ways does God help us when we must endure suffering? (5:11)

9. What warning did James give concerning swearing? (5:12)

10. What is the alternative to swearing? (5:12)

Get It Questions

11. How does God use others to build patience in our lives?

12. What makes it hard to wait on God's timing?

13. What kind of changes does God want to make in us over an extended period of time?

14. How have you suffered as a Christian?

15. What blessing or reward came to you for suffering as a Christian?

16. How will God reward us if we are patient?

17. What does it mean to stand firm as a Christian?

18. What lessons from Job's experience can we apply to our lives?

19. For what kinds of reasons do Christians judge each other?

20. What causes us to grumble against each other?

21. What does God think about Christians fighting among themselves?

22. What can a Christian do to be trusted with his word and promises?
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Apply It Questions

23. With what situation or problem can you ask God for help and patience this week?
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24. What steps will you take this week to avoid judging others in your home? workplace? church?
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25. What promise do you need to keep? How?
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Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.

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Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV).

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Bible Study Resources

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- Holy Bible
- Participant Questions/
Worksheet



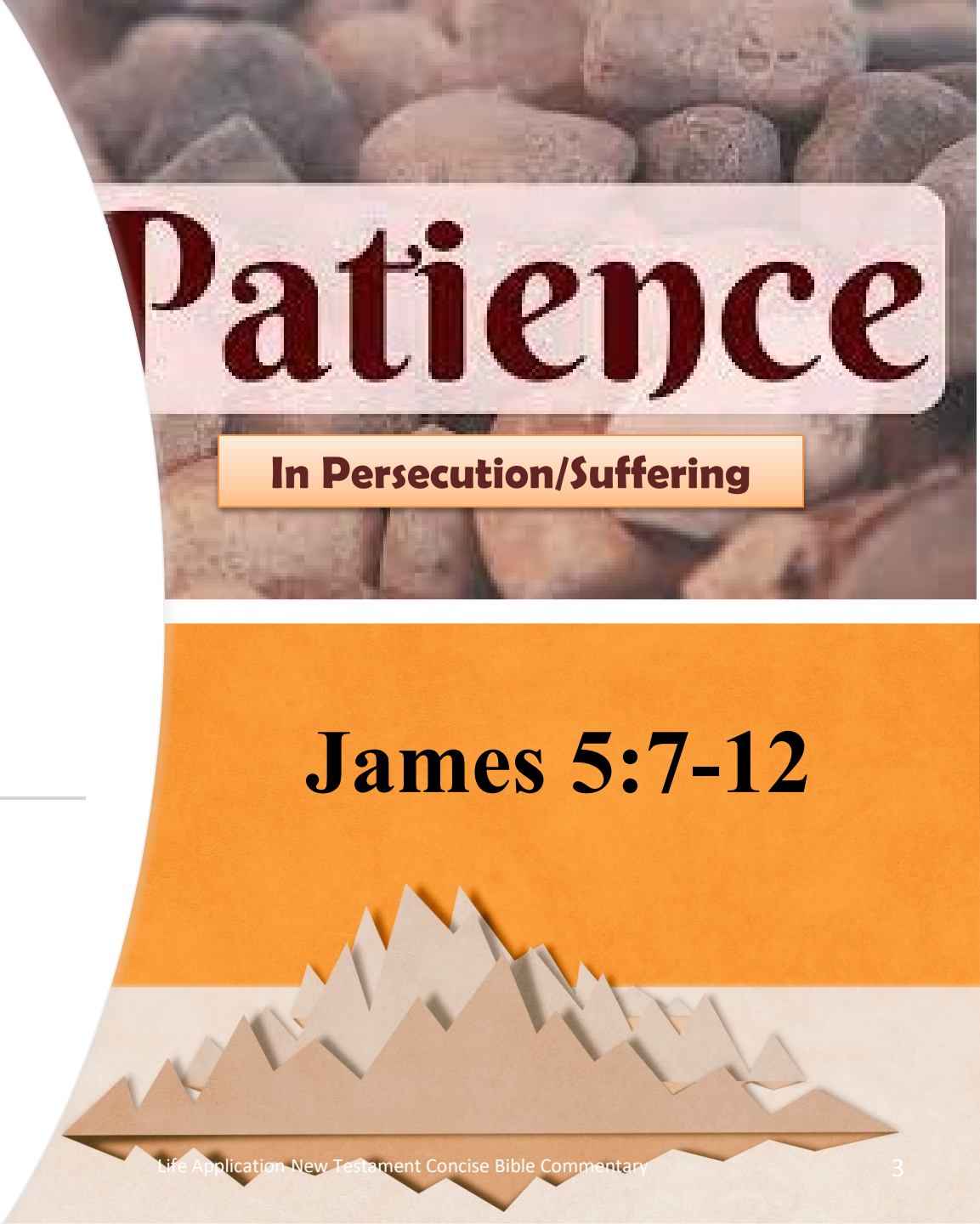
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INTRODUCTION

The believers, most of whom were poor, were frequently exploited by the rich and were persecuted because of their faith. This external pressure led to problems in the church as their frustration reached the boiling point. James encouraged the believers to be patient until the Lord's return.

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But the patience he describes is not passive. It is a patience that involves action. In this section, James illustrates some helpful sources for personal application. After speaking of the need for patience, he proceeds to reveal a number of different lessons that reinforce and apply his theme.

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INTRODUCTION

The principle of patience will not mean much unless we can apply it to our lives. By looking at life through James's eyes, we discover there are many ways God gives us guidance and encouragement.

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James 5:7-12

SCRIPTURE (NKJV)

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.

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James 5:7-8

SCRIPTURE (NKJV)

⁹ 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.

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James 5:9-10

SCRIPTURE

(NKJV)

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.

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James 5:11-12

OUTLINE

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James 5:7-12

- I. BE PATIENT AND WAIT ON THE LORD (5:7-8)**
- II. BE PATIENT AND AVOID JUDGING AND GRUMBLING (5:9)**
- III. BE PATIENT AND WAIT ON A BLESSING (5:10-11)**
- IV. BE PATIENT AND AVOID SWEARING (5:12)**

**I. BE PATIENT
AND WAIT
ON THE
LORD**



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EXPLORE IT QUESTIONS

1. What do we need to do as we wait for the Lord's return to earth? (5:7a)

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EXPLORE IT QUESTIONS

2. What illustration did James use to describe the kind of patience we need? (5:7)

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***See Jeremiah 5:24**

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James 5:7

EXPLORE IT QUESTIONS

Jeremiah 5:24

*²⁴ They do not say from the heart, 'Let us live in awe of the LORD our **God**, for He gives us rain each spring and fall, assuring us of a harvest when the time is right.'*

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**II. BE PATIENT
AND AVOID
JUDGING AND
GRUMBLING**

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James 5:9

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5. Why should we avoid
judging others or
grumbling against them?
(5:9a)

*⁹ Do not grumble
against one another,
brethren, lest you
be condemned...*



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James 5:9a

6. What will happen to Christians who grumble against their fellow believers? (5:9)

⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!

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James 5:9



III. BE PATIENT AND WAIT ON A BLESSING



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James 5:10-11

7. **What people serve
as good examples to
us? How? (5:10-11)**

¹⁰ For examples of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. For instance, you know about Job, a man of great endurance. You can see how the Lord was kind to him at the end, for the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy.

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James 5:10-11

8. In what ways does God help us when we must endure suffering? (5:11)

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IV. BE PATIENT AND AVOID SWEARING

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James 5:12

9. What warning did James give concerning swearing? (5:12)

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10. What is the alternative to swearing? (5:12)

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**GET IT
QUESTIONS
#11 TO #22**

**APPLY IT
QUESTIONS
#23 TO #25**

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