

# Portrait of Patience

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Patience under persecution becomes another test of genuine saving faith for James.

## I. The Meaning of Patience *James 5:7*

A. This encouragement is based on the condemnation of the rich oppressors in chapter 5.

B. “Patient” carries the idea of “long-tempered”.

*James 5:7*

C. Coming of the Lord = “Parousia”

The future return of Christ is the event that motivates Christians to persevere in the endurance of suffering.

D. James repeats his command.

*James 5:8*

E. “Establish” is a word meaning to strengthen.

*1 Thessalonians 3:13*

F. James emphasizes imminence by reminding his readers of the hope that the coming of the Lord is “near”.

*James 5:8*

*2 Peter 3:4 & 8-9*

*Rev. 22:7    Rev. 22:12    Rev. 22:20*

G. The obvious idea of this exhortation was that believers should realize that their trouble is temporary.

## II. The Manifestation of Patience *James 5:9*

- A. The one application of patience is that we won't "grumble against each other".
  
- B. James says the Judge is coming sooner than we think

*James 5:9*

## III. The Models of Patience *James 5:10*

The prophets

## IV. The Promise of Patience *James 5:11*

- A. It is common knowledge that God has "blessed" those who endured.

*James 5:11*

B. We must not allow ourselves to be persuaded by men or devils to think ill of God.

V. Conclusion:

A. All this demonstrates the character of the Lord; which is what James wants his readers to know with confidence.

B. Fundamental to Christian **patience** is Christian **belief**.

C. Put belief into practice by being patient in the endurance of suffering.



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