

James 5 - Be Patient Unto The Coming Of The Lord Pt. 1-2

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James 5:1-8

- 1 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.
- 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten.
- 3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.
- 4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.
- 5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.
- 6 **YE HAVE CONDEMNED AND KILLED THE JUST; AND HE DOTHT NOT RESIST YOU.**

7 **BE PATIENT THEREFORE, BRETHREN, UNTO THE COMING OF THE LORD. BEHOLD, THE HUSBANDMAN WAITETH FOR THE PRECIOUS FRUIT OF THE EARTH, AND HATH LONG PATIENCE FOR IT, UNTIL HE RECEIVE THE EARLY AND LATTER RAIN.**

8 **BE YE ALSO PATIENT; STABLISH (to make fast, strengthen, confirm) YOUR HEARTS: FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD DRAWETH NIGH.**

BE PATIENT FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD

- Don't lose heart - don't give up hope.
- Persevere when enduring trials and misfortunes.
- Persevere when bearing the offenses and injuries of others, mild and slow to avenge.

THE EVENT

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 **WHEREFORE COMFORT ONE ANOTHER WITH THESE WORDS.**

THE COMING OF THE LORD - DOGMA OR LIFESTYLE?

1. **How often is the rapture (or heaven) in your thoughts?**

Titus 2:13

"Looking for (wait anxiously, cherish) that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

2 Timothy 4:8

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

2. **Where would you rather be, heaven or earth?**

Philippians 1:23–24

23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.

Romans 8:22–23

22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

3. **Is your daily life focused on improving your quality of life here on earth, or being ready to stand before the Lord, accepted by Him in holiness?**

1 John 3:2–3

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

2 Peter 3:14

"Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless."

ESTABLISHING OUR HEARTS IN PATIENCE, WAITING FOR THE LORD'S COMING

NO EXCUSE FOR NOT BEING READY

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, **YE HAVE NO NEED** that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves **KNOW PERFECTLY** that the day of the Lord so **COMETH AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT**.

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then **SUDDEN DESTRUCTION COMETH** upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and **THEY SHALL NOT ESCAPE**.

4 **BUT YE**, brethren, **ARE NOT IN DARKNESS, THAT THE DAY SHOULD OVERTAKE YOU** as a thief.

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

6 Therefore **LET US NOT SLEEP**, as do others; but **LET US WATCH** and **BE SOBER**.

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

9 **FOR GOD HATH NOT APPOINTED US TO WRATH, BUT TO OBTAIN SALVATION** by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

11 **WHEREFORE COMFORT YOURSELVES TOGETHER, AND EDIFY ONE ANOTHER, EVEN AS ALSO YE DO.**

BE VIGILANT - REFUSE TO BE APATHETIC

2 Peter 3:1–14

1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which **I STIR UP YOUR PURE MINDS BY WAY OF REMEMBRANCE:**

2 **THAT YE MAY BE MINDFUL OF THE WORDS WHICH WERE SPOKEN** before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

3 Knowing this first, that **THERE SHALL COME IN THE LAST DAYS SCOFFERS, WALKING AFTER THEIR OWN LUSTS,**

4 **AND SAYING, WHERE IS THE PROMISE OF HIS COMING? FOR SINCE THE FATHERS FELL ASLEEP, ALL THINGS CONTINUE AS THEY WERE FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION.**

5 **FOR THIS THEY WILLINGLY ARE IGNORANT OF,** that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

8 But, beloved, **BE NOT IGNORANT** of this one thing, **THAT ONE DAY IS WITH THE LORD AS A THOUSAND YEARS, AND A THOUSAND YEARS AS ONE DAY.**

9 **THE LORD IS NOT SLACK CONCERNING HIS PROMISE,** as some men count slackness; **BUT IS LONGSUFFERING TO US-WARD, NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH,** but that all should come to repentance.

10 **BUT THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT;** in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 **SEEING THEN THAT ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE DISSOLVED, WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT YE TO BE IN ALL HOLY CONVERSATION AND GODLINESS,**

12 **LOOKING FOR AND HASTING UNTO THE COMING OF THE DAY OF GOD,** wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

14 **WHEREFORE, BELOVED, SEEING THAT YE LOOK FOR SUCH THINGS, BE DILIGENT THAT YE MAY BE FOUND OF HIM IN PEACE, WITHOUT SPOT, AND BLAMELESS.**

DON'T BE OVERCOME BY THIS WORLD

Luke 21:34–36

34 **AND TAKE HEED TO YOURSELVES, LEST AT ANY TIME YOUR HEARTS BE OVERCHARGED (*weigh down, overcome, burden*) WITH SURFEITING (*drunken nausea, excess of time and money spent on pleasure*), AND DRUNKENNESS, AND CARES (*anxiety, worry*) OF THIS LIFE, AND SO THAT DAY COME UPON YOU UNAWARES.**

35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 **WATCH YE THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS, THAT YE MAY BE ACCOUNTED WORTHY TO ESCAPE ALL THESE THINGS THAT SHALL COME TO PASS, AND TO STAND BEFORE THE SON OF MAN.**

Luke 14:16–24

16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, **COME; FOR ALL THINGS ARE NOW READY.**

18 And **THEY ALL WITH ONE CONSENT BEGAN TO MAKE EXCUSE.** The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee **HAVE ME EXCUSED.**

19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee **HAVE ME EXCUSED.**

20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house **BEING ANGRY** said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

24 For I say unto you, **THAT NONE OF THOSE MEN WHICH WERE BIDDEN SHALL TASTE OF MY SUPPER.**

STAY BUSY SERVING IN THE KINGDOM

Luke 12:35–48

35 **LET YOUR LOINS BE GIRDED ABOUT, and YOUR LIGHTS BURNING;**

36 And ye yourselves like unto men that **WAIT FOR THEIR LORD,** when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may **OPEN UNTO HIM IMMEDIATELY.**

37 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh **SHALL FIND WATCHING:** verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

38 And if he shall come in the **SECOND WATCH** (*9 PM to midnight*), or come in the **THIRD WATCH** (*midnight to 3 AM*), and **FIND THEM SO,** blessed are those servants.

39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

40 **BE YE THEREFORE READY ALSO:** for the Son of man cometh **AT AN HOUR WHEN YE THINK NOT.**

41 Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?
42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, **TO GIVE THEM THEIR PORTION OF MEAT IN DUE SEASON?**
43 **BLESSED IS THAT SERVANT, WHOM HIS LORD WHEN HE COMETH SHALL FIND SO DOING.**
44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.
45 But and **IF THAT SERVANT SAY IN HIS HEART, MY LORD DELAYETH HIS COMING;** and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;
46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.
47 **AND THAT SERVANT, WHICH KNEW HIS LORD'S WILL, AND PREPARED NOT HIMSELF, NEITHER DID ACCORDING TO THIS WILL, SHALL BE BEATEN WITH MANY STRIPES.**
48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. **FOR UNTO WHOMSOEVER MUCH IS GIVEN, OF HIM SHALL BE MUCH REQUIRED:** and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

1 Corinthians 1:7-8

7 So that ye come behind in no gift; **WAITING FOR THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:**
8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;
10 And to **WAIT FOR HIS SON FROM HEAVEN,** whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which **DELIVERED US FROM THE WRATH TO COME.**

2 Thessalonians 3:5

"And **THE LORD DIRECT YOUR HEARTS** into the love of God, and into the **PATIENT WAITING FOR CHRIST.**"

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

23 And the very God of peace **SANCTIFY YOU WHOLLY;** and I pray God your whole **SPIRIT** and **SOUL** and **BODY** **BE PRESERVED BLAMELESS UNTO THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.**
24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.