

JAMES

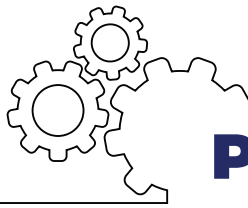
WORD TO THE WISE

Message Study Guide



PRAY READ EXPLORE: James 5:7-12

Message Notes:



PRAYREADEXPLORE

1 Pray, then read and explore the passage. Any notable observations or questions?

2 What is the “coming of the Lord” ([1 Thessalonians 4:15](#)) and how does it relate to suffering? How long is James asking us to be patient in suffering?

In what ways have you seen God work while you practiced patience?

3 How are the images of a farmer waiting for rain and the persevering prophets wonderful illustrations for Christians who are waiting for the coming of the Lord in the midst of suffering? What are the Christian virtues and values associated with waiting on the Lord and long-suffering? Look at [Job 42:1-6](#).

As a follower of Christ, how does the coming of the Lord bring forth hopeful anticipation and motivation to live a godly life while we patiently wait for Christ’s return?

What do these passages reveal about God’s character and how does remembering that God is a judge full of compassion and mercy comfort you in your times of trial?

4 How does not swearing by heaven and earth ([James 5:12](#)) relate to what was just said in [James 5:7-11](#)? See Jesus’ teaching on oaths in [Matthew 5:33-37; 23:16-22](#). What is James trying to say?

How is integrity and trust related to oaths?

What danger is James trying to make us aware of when making an oath to someone?

APPLY *As you examine your life, is there a perceivable gap between what you say and what you do in terms of making and keeping promises? What would those closest to you say? How can your saying and doing line up?*