

## James 5:7-11

- I. Therefore brothers, be patient until the arrival of the Lord (7a)
- II. Specifically: An elaboration of what it means to wait patiently for the Lord (7b-11)
  - A. Look forward in patient hope, knowing the reward (7b-8)
    - 1. Wait patiently for reward from God (7b-8a)
      - a Just like a farmer waits patiently for the harvest (7b-d)
        - 1) A farmer looks forward to the harvest (7b-c)
          - a) Behold, the farmer expects the precious fruit of the earth (7b)
          - b) Patiently waiting for it (7c)
        - 2) Until it will receive the early rain and the late rain (7d)
      - b You also, wait patiently (8a)
    - 2. Strengthen your heart in your hope (8b-c)
      - a Strengthen your hearts (8b)
      - b Because the arrival of the Lord is near (8c)
  - B. Explanation: How to wait patiently (9-11)
    - 1. Neg: Don't be anxious and resentful (9)
      - a Don't grumble and complain against people and circumstances (9a-b)
        - 1) Brothers, do not complain against one another (9a)
        - 2) In order that you will not be judged (9b)
      - b Reason: Behold, the judge is standing before the door (9c)
    - 2. Pos: Rather, be hopeful and patient (10-11)
      - a Brothers, take as an example of perseverance and patience, the prophets who spoke in the Name of the Lord (10)
      - b Reason: God came through with blessing in their case, as He always does (11)
        - 1) Behold, we call those who endured blessed (11a)
        - 2) For instance, Job was patient and experienced God's gracious destiny (11b-d)
          - a) And you heard of the patience of Job (11b)
          - b) You know about God's planned destiny based on His character (11c-d)
            - (1) You know the outcome/goal of the Lord (11c)
            - (2) That the Lord is sympathetic/compassionate and merciful (11d)