



Epistle of James (Lesson # 36)

James 5:7-12 Godly Patience's & Endurances Pt 2

Let's read the text

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⁹ Do not complain, brethren, against one another, that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.

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Again, this time let's read Wuest's expanded translation

*** 5:7 Be long-suffering, patiently enduring the mistreatment of others, restraining your soul from the passion of anger, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Consider this. The farmer waits with expectation for the precious produce of the earth, patiently waiting, longing and hoping over it, until [that time in which] it [the earth] may receive an early and a late rain.**

8As for you, you also be long-suffering, patiently enduring the mistreatment of others, restraining your soul from the passion of anger. Stabilize your hearts, because the coming of the Lord has drawn near and is imminent.

9 Stop complaining, brethren, about one another, in order that you may not be judged. Consider this. The judge has taken His stand before the doors.

10 Take the prophets who spoke in the Name of the Lord, brethren, as an example of suffering and of patience under the mistreatment of others.

11 Put your thought upon this. We consider those who patiently remain under their trials spiritually prosperous and fortunate. You heard of the patience of Job, how he patiently remained under the trials to which he was subjected, and you saw the consummation [of those trials] brought about by the Lord, that the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

12 But especially, my brethren, stop the practice of putting yourselves under oath, neither by the heaven, nor by the earth, nor by any other oath, but be letting your Yes be Yes and your No be No in order that you may not fall under judgment.



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Review of Observations on verse 7 from last week

Why is the “therefore” used here?

Because James has just shown that wealthy farmers were not paying their workers, to satisfy their own greed, & this injustice was one source of suffering

How long are believers to be patient?

Until the coming of our Lord, + no suffering and full harmony with God

Remember last week Andrew shared that the believers were *‘growing restless with the seeming delay [of Christ’s return] and had to be exhorted here to be and remain patient’* [Gerald B. Stanton, *Kept from the Hour*; 1956- Zondervan]

Why is being patient a major theme throughout this letter?

Here we see they were suffering under the greed of wealthy farmers, and they were impatient for the coming of our Lord.

Patience is shown here to have two perspectives,

1-Patience to be free of the oppression of sinners (unbelievers and believers)

2-Patience to enjoy the “presence” of our Lord at His coming



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Review of Observations on verse 8 from last week

What? The command again, BE PATIENT! Why?

Because God wants us all to have strong hearts of confidence that He is going to bring us into His presence. He longs to give us that blessing... so,

Why is God delaying the return of Christ?

The word picture here is of God's perspective, He lives in reality. He does not want anyone to be separated from Himself. He is the perfect example of patient love, and His patience is toward us. That all who hear of Him, may come to Him.

Do you remember what Andrew said was the word picture God uses here?

His coming is near! It is like a snow bank that accumulates flakes of snow, building an over hanging pile of purified water, each flake unique making the overhanging snow heavier and heavier...

That is God's perspective, do you see it?

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance 2 Pt 3:9

Is our heart strong in trust that God's ways are wise?

Do we believe that He knows when all who will trust Him and His work of love,... when "all that will come", have come to Him?



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Review of Observations on verse 9 from last week

Why is the jump here from God's Patience, to inner complaining between us?

Again, this is God's perspective. He wants us to stop looking at ourselves as imperfect to the point of being annoying to us, like Charlie Brown, the comic strip character, saying... *"Good grief!!!"*

So, What is God's perspective?

Remember when we read in 2nd Peter these words, they are about Lot,

... *'then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment'* 2 Pet. 2:9

And ends... *'but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.'* 2 Pt 3:18

Why is the Judge standing in front of the doors? (door it is plural in the Greek)

God is the perfect wise judge, we are not to take His position as judges...

He will perfectly judge both the believing and unbelieving when He comes.

1st with reward, the rapture, 2nd with punishment the great white throne.

But always in wisdom, His perfect love must separate good from evil.



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*** 5:10 As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.**

Review of Observations on verse 10 from last week

Why the example of the prophets?

Remember, these are Jewish believers being addressed, they knew the history of the prophets God appointed to speak to them with His messages.

What does the word used here for “suffering” point out?

This word means the physical suffering of pain, and the emotional suffering of being unjustly blamed for sins by wise and unwise close human friends.

What does the word used here for “patience” point out?

This word means to live under, to endure under, to take the pain without even understanding why it happening.

What was the function God gave to His prophets?

They were to speak on behalf of God Himself. To be His representative.

What was the content a Prophet was to speak?

The very reputation of God, His ways with us, His love for us including the love to separate us from all evil, so we may enjoy His righteousness of perfection.



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Review of Observations on verse 11 from last week

Why did God use the command word “Behold” here?

He really wanted these believers to focus on God’s ways with us, that He blesses with rewards those who correctly endure undeserved suffering.

Who is the “You” here?

The ones to whom this letter is addressed, the scattered Jewish believers.

What have these “heard” and “seen”?

That Job endured undeserved suffering correctly and that God’s way with Him was a revelation of God’s very nature.

What was the revelation of God’s nature that was seen in the example of Job?

That God is filled completely with compassion and mercy toward us.

His love is sensitive to our pains. Compassion means He feels them with us.

His love covers our reactions to undeserved suffering, he does not condemn us when we sin, but restores us with cleansing of our sin by paying for our sins with the suffering for us the penalty of sin, and He provides His joy of fellowship with Him by uniting us with Himself. We are now a part of His family!



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Observations on verse 12

Why is this “But above all” used here?

Because God has a message here that is very, very important, more of value than any earthly examples we have been given. This is God’s gem, His work.

Who are the “brethren” referred to here?

These are the personal family members of God, who have a personal relationship to each other because of a common parent, God is our Father. He has united us into His Family, with Himself as the head, and us as His body.

What is meant by “do not swear”?

Wuest translated this: ‘stop the practice of putting yourselves under oath’.

Jewish listeners would understand this to mean to stop telling people you speak under the authority of another. And God is careful to give further help as to how this is to be understood.



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Observations on verse 12

What does “either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath” mean?

Speaking under the authority of the things God has made, versus God Himself was a practice of the day, when this was written.

Do we not do the same thing in our culture?

One way we do this is to say, by “scientific fact”, that the earth is a certain age.

Isn't this saying reality is based on our observations now, of things created?

Yes, it is. Further, it reveals we ignore the clear evidence in creation, of God.

What is the best our minds have come to, when God is not considered?

When we say, by “human logic”, earth & space are all of reality.

God has said however, that when Christ came He alone revealed grace & reality.

“For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ”. Jn 1:17

And Christ said before Pilate: “Pilate therefore said to Him, ‘So You are a king’? Jesus answered, ‘You say *correctly* that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice’”. Jn 18:37



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Why did God use “but” here?

To contrast what we may be doing, to what He wants us to know that He values.

What does God's command: “let your yes be yes, and your no, no;” mean?

That our new nature, of Christ's family kind, be allowed to reveal only reality.

So, what does God add to explain here what is “above all” that He values?

God wants us to be and reveal above all, His reality, what is true, whether it is positive or negative.

God values most His life, expressing both to us & through us what is real.

We are made new in His family to be God's expression of reality. This is the work He has prepared for us to be and do.

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them”. Eph 2:10

What does “so that you may not fall under judgment” mean?

A literal translation is: ‘so that not into hypocrisy you may fall’.

God only wants what is real to be seen in us, and He sees us accurately.

“And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do”. Heb 4:13



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Let me remind you of this small overview of the book of James

**** Illustrations (in James) of God's work on our "new of God's kind" nature**

James

*** 1:1 James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad, greetings.**

Abraham & Isaac

*** 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?**

Rahab

*** 2:25 And in the same way was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works, when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?**

Job

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Elijah

*** 5:17-18 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the sky poured rain, and the earth produced its fruit.**

* English is NASU 1995

** <https://www.preciousseed.org/articles/lessons-from-old-testament-characters-in-james/>



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The emphasis today was on God's most valued thing today...

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In and through our mortal bodies**

Speaking what is real

while

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**The following is the preparation for this lesson
of carefully reading and translating
what God has given us in these verses.**

**Upon this foundation
this lesson has been given.**



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7^a **Μακροθυμήσατε** [v imper aor act 2ppl μακροθυμέω] long fused, hold off temper, **be patient**

οὖν, [conj οὖν] **therefore**, consequently, accordingly, then, however

ἀδελφοί, [n voc masc pl ἀδελφός] brothers, **brethren**

ἕως [adverb ἕως] temporal, til, **until**

τῆς παρουσίας [def art+n gen fem s παρουσία] **the** presence, **coming**, arival

τοῦ κυρίου. [def art+n gen masc s κύριος] **of the Lord**

ἴδου, [interjection ἴδου] pay attention, see, look, **behold**

ὁ γεωργὸς [def art+n nom masc s γεωργός] **the farmer**

ἐκδέχεται [v ind pres mid/pass 3p s ἐκδέχομαι] **waits**, expects,

τὸν τίμιον [def art+adj acc masc s τίμιος] **the precious**, valuable

καρπὸν [n acc masc s καρπός] fruit, **harvest**, crop, produce

τῆς γῆς, [def art+n gen fem s γῆ] **of the earth**, land

** **My literal translation**

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^{7b}Μακροθυμῶν [part pres act nom masc s μακροθυμέω] **being patient**
ἐπ' [prep ἐπί] over, **about it**
αὐτόν, [pro pers acc masc s αὐτός] **himself**
ἕως [adverb ἕως] temporal, til, **until**
λάβῃ [v subj aor act 3p s λαμβάνω] **it receives**
ὑετὸν [n acc masc s ὑετός] **rain**
πρώϊμον [adj acc masc s πρόϊμος] **early**
καὶ [conj καί] **and**, also, indeed
ὄψιμον. [adj acc masc s ὄψιμος] **late**

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being patient about it himself until it receives rain early and late.



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⁸Μακροθυμήσατε [v imper aor act 2p pl μακροθυμέω] **you be patient**
καὶ [conj καί] and, **also**, indeed
ὕμεις, [pro pers nom pl σύ] **you**
στηρίξατε [v imper aor act 2p pl στηρίζω] fix, establish, **strengthen**
τὰς καρδίας [def art+n acc fem pl καρδία] **the hearts**
ὕμῶν, [pro pers gen pl σύ] **of you**, your
ὅτι [conj ὅτι] that, for, **because**, since
ἡ παρουσία [def art+n n nom fem s παρουσία] **the** presence, **coming**, arrival
τοῦ κυρίου [def art+n gen masc s κύριος] **of the Lord**
ἤγγικεν. [v ind perf act 3p s ἐγγίζω] **is near**, is at hand, has become and is now near

****my literal translation (in close to Greek text order)**

You be patient also; you strengthen the hearts of you, because the coming of the Lord is near.



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⁹Μὴ [particle / disj part μή] Do not, **Stop**
στενάζετε [v imper pres act 2p pl στενάζω] **complaining**, mutter, grumble
κατ' [prep κατά] down, over, **against**
ἀλλήλων, [pro recip gen masc pl ἀλλήλων] **one another** (of the same kind)
ἀδελφοί, [n voc masc pl ἀδελφός] **brothers**, brethren
ἵνα [conj ἵνα] **in order that**, so that
μὴ [particle / disj part μή] **not**
κριθῆτε· [v subj aor pas 2p pl κρίνω] **you be judged**, criticized, condemned
ἰδοῦ, [v imper aor mid 2p s ὀράω] look, perceive, **behold**
ὁ κριτῆς [def art+n nom masc sing κριτής] **the judge**,
πρὸ [prep πρό] **before**, in front of
τῶν θυρῶν [def art+n gen fem pl θύρα] **the doors**, gates, entrances
ἔστηκεν. [v ind perf act 3p s ἵστημι] **has taken His stand**, established, positioned

**my literal translation (in close to Greek text order)

Stop complaining against one another brothers, in order that you be not judged, behold, the judge before the doors, has taken His stand.



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¹⁰ Ὑπόδειγμα [n acc neut s ὑπόδειγμα] **example**
λάβετε, [v imper aor act 2p ρ λαμβάνω] **you** receive, **take**
ἀδελφοί [n voc masc pl ἀδελφός] **brothers**, brethren
μου, [pro pers gen s ἐγώ] of mine, **my**
τῆς κακοπαθείας, [def art+n gen fem s κακοπάθεια] **of the endurance, suffering**
καὶ [conj καί] **and**, also, indeed
τῆς μακροθυμίας, [def art+n gen fem s μακροθυμία] **the patience**
τοὺς προφήτας [def art+n acc masc pl προφήτης] **the prophets**
οἱ [pro rel nom masc pl from ὅς] the ones who, **those who**
ἐλάλησαν [v ind aor act 3p pl λαλέω] **spoke**
τῷ ὀνόματι [def art+n dat neut s ὄνομα] **by the name**, reputation, character
κυρίου. [n gen masc s κύριος] **of the Lord**

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Example, you take brothers of me, of the endurance and the patience of the prophets, those who spoke by the name of the Lord .



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¹¹ Ἴδού, [v imper aor mid 2p s ὁράω] see, look, **Behold**
μακαρίζομεν [v ind pres act 1p pl μακαρίζω] **regard as blessed**, pronounce fortunate
τοὺς ὑπομένοντας· [def art+part pres act acc masc pl ὑπομένω] **the enduring ones**
τὴν ὑπομονὴν [def art+n acc fem s ὑπομονή] **the** endurance, **perseverance**
Ἰὼβ [indeclinable noun Ἰώβ] **of Job**
ἤκούσατε, [v ind aor act 2p pl ἀκούω] **you have heard of**
καὶ [conj καί] **and**, also, indeed
τὸ τέλος [def art+n acc neut s τέλος] **the** end, goal, outcome, **result**
κυρίου [n gen masc s κύριος] **of the Lord**
ἴδετε, [v imper aor act 2p pl ὁράω] **you have seen**
ὅτι [conj ὅτι] **that**, introduces a fact
πολύσπλαγχνός [adj nom masc s πολύσπλαγχνος] **compassionate**, merciful
ἐστίν [v ind pres act 3p s εἶμί] **He is**
καὶ [conj καί] **and**, also, indeed
οἰκτίρμων [adj nom masc s οἰκτίρμων] **merciful**
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^{12a} **Πρὸ** [prep genitive **πρό**] before, **above**
πάντων [adj gen neut pl **πᾶς**] **all**, everything
δέ, [conj **δέ**] now, that is, **but**, mild contrastive conjunction
ἀδελφοί n voc masc pl **ἀδελφός**] **brothers**, brethren
μου, [pro pers gen s **ἐγώ**] of mine, **my**
μὴ [particle / disj part **μή**] not, **stop**
ὀμνύετε, [v imper pres act 2p pl **ὀμνύω**] **swearing under an oath**, stop swearing under anything made by God
μήτε [conj **μήτε**] **not**,
τὸν οὐρανόν, [def art+n acc masc s **οὐρανός**] **under the heaven**
μήτε [conj **μήτε**] **nor**
τὴν γῆν, [def art+n acc fem s **γῆ**] **under the earth**, soil
μήτε [conj **μήτε**] **nor**
ἄλλον [adj acc masc s **ἄλλος**] **other**, another (of the same kind)
τινὰ [pro indef acc masc s **τις**] **under any**, anything
ὄρκον· [n acc masc s **ὄρκος**] **vow**, oath

****my literal translation (in close to Greek text order)**

But above all my brothers, stop swearing *under an oath, not by the heaven, nor by the earth, nor by any other vow.*



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*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; so that you may not fall under judgment.**

^{12b} ἦτω [v imper pres act 3p s εἰμί] **let reality be revealed**, the reality in you
δὲ [conj δέ] now, **that is**, but, mild contrastive conjunction
ὑμῶν [pro pers gen pl σύ] **of you**, yours (who you are is God's new in kind creation!)
τὸ ναί, ναί, [def art+2x affirmative particle ναί] **the yes, be yes**
καὶ [conj καί] **and**, also, indeed
τὸ οὐ, οὐ· [def art+2x disjunctive particle οὐ] **the no, be no**
ἵνα [conj ἵνα] in order that, **so that**, with the result that
μὴ [particle / disj part μή] **not**
εἰς [prep εἰς] **into**,
ὑπόκρισιν [n acc fem s ὑπόκρισις] **hypocrisy**, pretense, outward show, duplicity
πέσητε. [v subj aor act 2p pl πίπτω] **you may fall**, opposite of stand firm

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