

JAMES 21

Patience to the End

1. 5:6 - Their Opposition to the Just

- a. 5:6 - Resist not the evil, Jesus taught this in Mat 5:39-42

2. 5:7-8 - The Early and Latter Rain

- a. Remember the patience in which they possess their souls? - Luke 21:19, Jam 1:3
- b. 5:1 - was to "rich men", 5:7 is changed to the "brethren" who are not the condemned
- c. The law promised an early and latter rain, literal rain = abundant harvest - Deut 11:14
- d. Latter rain was also a time in Israel's prophetic calendar - Hos 6:3, Zec 10:1, Eze 34:26
- e. This is talking about the Lord coming in power and glory - Luke 21:27-28

3. 5:9 - Standing at the Door

- a. They are grudging each other - James 3:1,14, 4:1 - Jesus said Mat 6:14-15, 7:1-2
- b. This door is not an heart's door, it is a raid - Rev 3:20, Mat 24:33
- c. The Judge is the Lord at his coming to war - John 5:22, Acts 10:42, Rev 6:10, 19:11
- d. The judge stands before the door - Psa 110:1, Psa 9:19 and Acts 7:55-56

4. 5:10-11 - Their Example is the Prophets

- a. The prophets are their example: the prophets testified in a time of wrath
- b. Stephen accuses Israel to be like their fathers - Acts 7:51-52
- c. Jesus identified them as murderers - John 8:39-40, so does James - 5:6
- d. Apostate Israel killed the prophets before, and they will do it again - Mat 23:30-35
- e. The enemy of Paul were his kinsmen in the flesh - 1 Thess 2:14-15
- f. "persecuted for righteousness' sake" - Mat 5:10-12
- g. The torturing is commonplace among those who are worthy - Heb 10:36, 11:36-40
- h. Happy are they that endure - James 1:12, Mat 24:13, Luke 6:22-23, 1 Pet 3:14, 4:14
- i. **The patience of Job**: he lost everything and sinned not - Job 1:1, 13-22
 - i. The friends spoke about God, but not rightly - Job 42:7
 - ii. Job withstands their temptations - Job 27:1-9
 - iii. Job received twice as much in the ~~kingdom~~ end - Job 42:10