

A Call to an Eschatological Lifestyle
James 5:1-11

1A. Who is the Audience Addressed in this Passage? – 5:7-11

The word “*brethren*”/“*brothers*” is found 3 times in these 5 verses

2A. What is the Emphasis of the Passage? – 5:1-11

1B. The Lord is Coming

- [1] v 3 – “it is in the last days”
- [2] v 7a – “Be patient - until the coming of the Lord”
- [3] v. 8 – “the coming of the Lord is at hand”
- [4] v. 9 – “the Judge is standing right at the door”

2B. We are to be Patient

There are two related words that stand out because of their use in these verses.

- ✚ {1} *makrothumia* - *makro* (long) *thum* (tempered) *ia*
- ✚ {2} *hupomenō* - *menō* (remain) *hupo* (under)

3B. We are to Stand Firm – in Patience – 5:8 – *stēriksate* (στηρίξατε) – *no place for doubt*

3A. What is the Problem Addressed? – 5:1-5

1B. People

2B. Circumstances

4A. What is the Challenge to the Believer?

2 main thoughts (1) the Lord is coming & (2) “be patient” are combined in 5:8.

1B. The Key Verse/Verses

2B. The Key Words

5A. What are the Examples for the Believer? – 5:7-11

1B. Farmers – 5:7

2B. Prophets – 5:10

3B. Job – 5:11

6A. What are the Lessons to Be Learned?

1B. Be Dependent on the Lord

1C. He hears us – 4:4

2C. He cares about us – 4:11

3C. He provides for us – 4:7

4C. He deals with those who oppose us – 4:4-6

If we fail to depend on God

✚ {1} We exchange the value system of the Bible for the value system of the world

✚ {2} We exchange a dependence on God for a dependence on worldly wealth

We get so tied up with the world's value system, but the world's value system is rotten.

❖ (1) Their standards/values are bad/rotten – 4:2-3

3 areas around which their life is built & 3 verbs that describe each.

✚ [1] riches – *sesēpen* [σέσηπεν] – “stand rotted” - no value

✚ [2] clothes – *gegonen* [γέγονεν] – “stand mother eaten”

✚ [3] silver & gold – corrode not rust – *katiōtai* – *kata* emphatic – rusted out.

❖ (2) Their outlook is equally bad/rotten – v 1 miseries coming

Why is their outlook so bad? Because God is going to judge them. And why is He going to judge them?

✚ [1] for cheating – 5:4

✚ [2] for comfortable living at the expense of others – 5:5

✚ [3] for condemning others – 5:6

❖ (3) Their condition is bad/rotten – “you have fattened your hearts” – 5:5

2B. Be Patient/Longsuffering

3B. Be Patient/Enduring/Holding up under

No matter what the circumstances are:

✚ Stop Complaining

✚ Keep Trusting God

4B. Be Trustworthy/Steadfast