



BIBLICAL BEHAVIOR
ENDURING PERSECUTION PATIENTLY
JAMES 5:7-11

Charlie Matz - Compass Bible Church - November 28, 2021

1. Patiently _____
(vv. 7-8)

James 5:7-11 (ESV)
7 Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. 8 You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. 9 Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. 10 As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

2. Wait _____
(v. 9)

3. Gain _____
(v. 10)

4. Trust _____
(v. 11)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read James 5:7-9.** When you're experiencing persecution or trials, in what ways are you tempted to be impatient? How can you grow to be more patient?

2. **Read Romans 12:19.** How can you avoid the temptation to avenge yourself or loved ones when mistreated? What other passages of Scripture could remind you to trust God and not take matters into your own hands?

3. **Read 1 Corinthians 16:21-24.** Can you confidently cry out "Maranatha" because you love Christ so much that you want to be with Him? How can you grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ?

4. Out of the Old Testament saints listed during the message, which one of them encourages you the most? Why? How can you grow to have the type of courage they had?

5. **Read Isaiah 55:8-9.** How can you still trust God's process when you are being persecuted or going through trials, and life seems full of despair? What perspective can you gain from reflecting on the story of Job?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Benware, Paul N.. *Understanding End Times Prophecy: A Comprehensive Approach*. Moody Publishers, 2006.

MacArthur, John. *Because the Time is Near: John MacArthur Explains the Book of Revelation*. Moody Publishers, 2007.

Elliot, Elisabeth. *Suffering Is Never for Nothing*. B&H Books, 2019.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that we will endure persecution and trials patiently as we wait for our coming King!

Pray that this church will know God intimately through the study and application of His Word.

Pray that this church will grow in its reliance upon the Lord through prayer.

Pray for God to provide the servants needed to start a third service on January 8th and 9th.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	N.T.	Gospels
11/29	Ezekiel 38-39	Psalms 135:15-21	John 12:1-11	Revelation 4:1-11
11/30	Ezekiel 40-41	Psalms 136:1-9	John 12:12-26	Revelation 5
12/1	Ezekiel 42-43	Psalms 136:10-22	John 12:27-36	Revelation 6
12/2	Ezekiel 44-45	Psalms 136:23-26	John 12:37-50	Revelation 7:1-8
12/3	Ezekiel 46-48	Psalms 137	John 13:1-20	Revelation 7:9-17
12/4	Daniel 1-2	Psalms 138	John 13:21-30	Revelation 8