

“James: Authentic Christianity (12) – Be Patient” (5:7-12)

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- **Last Message: The Wicked Rich are Condemned for Hoarding the Wealth, by Defrauding others, and for Living a Self-indulgent Lifestyle**
- **Today: The Oppressed Believers are to Patiently Endure with Certain Expectation – God will Right the Wrongs when Jesus Christ Returns**

I. Patience in Hope (5:7-9): How would you feel when Oppressed Unfairly?

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**God will Judge the Evil men and Reward the Righteous who Hope in Him;
Focus on the Final Lap in the Race of Life – Look ahead to the Lord’s Coming**

B. Illustration of Patience: Farmer and Farming

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2. **A Believer’s Spiritual Life and Character are Cultivated through seasons of Trials...**

Standing Firm while Patiently awaiting the Soon Return of the Lord!

C. When under the Stress of Suffering (5:9)...

Impatience with God leads to Impatience with God’s people...

Avoid the Sin and not be Ashamed when the Lord of the Harvest Returns!

II. Examples of Patience for Encouragement (5:10-11)

A. Patience/Long-suffering vs. Persevere/Endurance under Great Stress

B. The Prophets (5:10; cf. Matt 5:10–12, 2 Tim 3:12)

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