

Responding to Persecution with Patience (Jas. 5:7-8) 9/5/2021

Introduction

Notes on [Psalm 37](#):

[James 5:7-11](#) is a self-contained and distinct section with _____ as its theme. It defines how to be patient for believers undergoing _____ inflicted upon them by _____.

*"Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."
(2 Tim. 3:12)*

Why We Wait Patiently (v. 7a)

Patient =

The word [patient](#) comes carrying the idea that one has been _____, that something or someone is tempting you to be _____.

Patience is the righteous _____ God expects all believers to conform to no matter what _____ they face.

Coming =

In the early _____, "[coming of the Lord](#)" quickly took on the fixed meaning of Jesus' return in glory and as _____.

The church's great hope is the _____ of the Lord Jesus Christ when He comes to bless His people with His _____ and judge His enemies in His _____.

His coming again is what must be the _____ reason for believers to be patient when experiencing _____.

Patient Waiting Exemplified (v. 7b)

Waits =

Notes on the [farmer](#):

Notes on the [early and late rains](#):

A farmer's life is governed by a rhythm of _____ and waiting.

Patience is a virtue, and patience _____, even when it is most difficult to do so.

How We Wait Patiently (v. 8)

Focusing on Christ's return also motivates believers to _____.

Strengthen =

What is commanded here is a firm adherence to the _____ in the midst of trials.

Near =

The _____ of Christ is the next event on God's prophetic _____ and could happen at any moment.

The early church's convictions that the Parousia was "_____, " or "imminent," meant that they fully believed that it _____ transpire within a very short period of time, not that it _____ to.

Not just _____, but all people should prepare themselves for the Lord's _____.

The wise v. foolish contrast: The wise wait _____ for the Lord's return, while the foolish fail to consider the imminent _____ that awaits them.