

# **James 5:7-11**

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## **Three Examples of Patience**

### **Example #1 - The Farmer teaches us: Be Patient with the Process**

**James 5:7-8** - Therefore (because you're going through such a difficult time) be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain.<sup>8</sup> You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

**1 Cor. 3:9** - You are God's field.

#### **Season #1 - A Plowing Season**

**Hosea 10:12** - Plow up the hard ground of your hearts.

#### **Season #2 - A Planting Season**

**Luke 8:11** - The seed is the Word of God.

#### **Season #3 - A Rooting Season**

**Ephesians 3:17-19** - That you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— and *to know the love of Christ* that surpasses knowledge

#### **Season #4 - The Dormant Season**

#### **Season #5 - The Pruning Season**

**John 15:2** - “Every branch in Me that doesn't bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that bears fruit *He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.*”

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**Galatians 5:22-23** - The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

**v. 9** - Don't grumble against one another, brethren, *lest you be condemned*. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!

### **Example #2 - The Prophets teach us: Be Patient with People**

**v. 10** - My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience.

**Jeremiah 38:6** - They took Jeremiah and lowered him by ropes into an empty cistern in the prison yard. It belonged to Malkijah, a member of the royal family. There was no water in the cistern, but there was a thick layer of mud at the bottom, and Jeremiah sank down into it.

Daniel didn't fare much better. He was thrown into the lion's den.

Elijah was hunted by King Ahab and Jezebel.

In Stephen's sermon, which led to his own martyrdom, he said, "*Which of the prophets didn't your fathers persecute?*"

**Mt. 5:10-12** - Blessed are those who are persecuted *for righteousness' sake*, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, because *great is your reward in heaven*, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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### **Example #3 - Job teaches us: Be Patient with Problems**

**v. 11** - Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You've heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

**Job 1:21-22** - Job said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.” In all this Job didn't sin or charge God with wrong.

**Job 2:10** - Job replied, “Shall we accept good from God, and not adversity?” In all this, Job didn't sin in what he said.

**Job 42:5** - "My ears had heard of You, but now my eyes have seen You."

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### **1. The day of Christ's return is a secret.**

**Mark 13:32-33** - Jesus said, "No one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son Himself. Only the Father knows. Be on your guard and stay alert! For you don't know when the appointed time will come."

### **2. The day of Christ's return will be sudden.**

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**1 Thess. 5:2-3** - The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” sudden destruction will come on them.

**Jesus:** *As lightning flashes from the east to the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.*

**Mt. 24:38-39** - In the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. And they were oblivious, until the flood came and swept them all away. That's how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

**Jesus:** **Therefore keep watch, because you don't know the day on which your Lord will come.**

### **3. The day of Christ's return will be spectacular.**

**Rev. 1:7** - Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him.

### **4. The day of Christ's return will bring separation.**

**Mt. 24:40-41** - Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and the other left.

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**Every fruitful field goes through five seasons:**

**Season #1 - A \_\_\_\_\_ Season**

**Season #2 - A \_\_\_\_\_ Season**

**Season #3 - A \_\_\_\_\_ Season**

**Season #4 - A \_\_\_\_\_ Season**

**Season #5 - A \_\_\_\_\_ Season**

**2. The Prophets teach us: Be Patient with \_\_\_\_\_.**

**3. Job teaches us: Be Patient with \_\_\_\_\_.**

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### **The Day of Christ's Return:**

1. The day of Christ's Return is a \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The day of Christ's Return will be \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The day of Christ's Return will be \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The day of Christ's return will bring \_\_\_\_\_.