

LAST DAYS INSTRUCTIONS (Part 1)
James 5:1-9

“My master is delaying His coming.”

“...beat” his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards.” (Matthew 24:49b)

The master then appointed “...his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth!” (Matthew 24:51b) It wasn’t heaven!

(v.1-6) Trust Christ, not cash – (v.1-6)

“True rest,” *peace*, cannot be found in our “greed,” only in God!

(Ecclesiastes 5:12) The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, Whether he eats little or much; But the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep.

(Proverbs 23:5) Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; They fly away like an eagle toward heaven.

Jesus said (Matthew 6:19-21) "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

(Proverbs 10:22) The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.

Secondly, Be Patient – (v.7, 8)

God will not forget your “seed!” (Galatians 6:9-10) And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Our “Provider!” Genesis 22:14 - Abraham

Jehovah-Jireh – “The Lord Will Provide.”

(James 1:4) But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

“Establish (fix firmly) your hearts.” Where? In “grace!”

(Hebrews 13:9b) “For it is good that the heart be established by grace...”

Third instruction - Cease Grumbling – (v.9)

Grumble – stenazo: a sigh, groan, grudge, grief.

(1 Peter 4:8-10) And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

(Hebrews 10:24-25) And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

CONCLUSION: The next 5 areas of instruction include perseverance, integrity, caring, prayer, and restoration.

Today we are witnessing “prophecy” *unfolding* before our eyes!

Invasion of Israel from the east – Revelation 16 – and from the north - Ezekiel 38, 39.

“Rapture” of the church. I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 24:36-44.

(2 Peter 3:11-12a) Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God.”