

Men's Bible Study: James

Week 14 3/31/21 James 5:10-12

What test your patience the most? OR What is it that brings out the most impatience in you?

James 5:7-12 (ESV)

Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV), "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

1. The Patience of the Prophets

James 5:10 (ESV), "As an example of suffering and patience and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord."

Jeremiah 20:9 (ESV), "If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,' there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot."

Jeremiah 20:7-8, "O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸ For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long."

Daniel 6:4-5 (ESV), "Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him. ⁵ Then these men said, 'We shall no find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.'"

Matthew 5:11-12 (ESV), "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account."

¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

2. The Purpose of Job

James 5:11 (ESV), “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.”

Job 13:15 (ESV), “Though he slay me, I will hope in him; yet I will argue my ways to his face.”

James 5:12 (ESV), “But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your ‘yes’ be yes and your ‘no’ be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.”