



**5:1 Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you....**

**<sup>4</sup> Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. <sup>5</sup> You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup> You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.**

**5:7 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. <sup>8</sup> You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. <sup>9</sup> Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!**

**5:10 Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.**

# Suffering

- If you say to the poor man, “You stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet...” (2:3)
- “Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court?” (2:6)
- “The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you.” (5:4)

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# Hope

- **1:9 Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position.**
- **1:12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.**
- **2:5 Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?**

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# The Lord's Coming Is Near

- **“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”**  
(Matt. 24:42–44)
- **“The end of all things is near.”** (1 Pet. 4:7)
- **“Look, I am coming soon!”** (Rev. 22:7)

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**Do everything without  
grumbling or arguing,  
so that you may become  
blameless and pure,  
“children of God without  
fault in a warped and  
crooked generation.”**

**(Phil. 2:14)**

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- **Jeremiah – timid & overwhelmed but faithful to his faithful God.**  
(Jer. 1:5–8; 20:7–18)
- **Job – agonized & questioned God, yet kept his faith in God.**  
(Job 13:15)

## **Our Calling**

- **Live so you will meet the Lord as Savior, not as Judge.**
- **Patiently, persistently wait for the Lord's harvest.**
- **Bless your enemies rather than curse them.**