

Faith  
Without  
Works

Is  
Dead

A Study in the Book of James



Ever feel like it's a full court press and you're down a man? Or 2 or 3  
We are being attacked from all sides!

That can be just in the challenges of a normal life'

But is the Lord coming soon??!!! Is it getting worse?

[Rev 22:7, 10-12, 14, 17, 20 NASB20] 7 "And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." ...

10 And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.

11 "Let the one who does wrong still do wrong, and the one who is filthy still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous still practice righteousness, and the one who is holy still keep himself holy."

12 "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward [is] with Me, to reward each one as his work deserves. ...

14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life, and may enter the city by the gates. ...

17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires, take the

water of life without cost. ...

20 He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

3x I am coming quickly

3x the reply is COME!

2x Blessed is/are the keepers of the book, the righteous, those who wash their robes



Just sitting?

Boredom is our biggest struggle?

Is patience merely the self discipline of deferred pleasure?

Gods timing is far too often slow in bringing about my desires, comforts...

**Be Patient 6x in this text!**

Starts with the mistreatment of Gods people by those prosperous in this world.  
James suffered himself!!

**Jas 1:2-3 NASB20] 2 Consider it all joy, my brothers [and sisters,] when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.**

**As we approach Christmas are your eyes often Looking Up!!!!???**



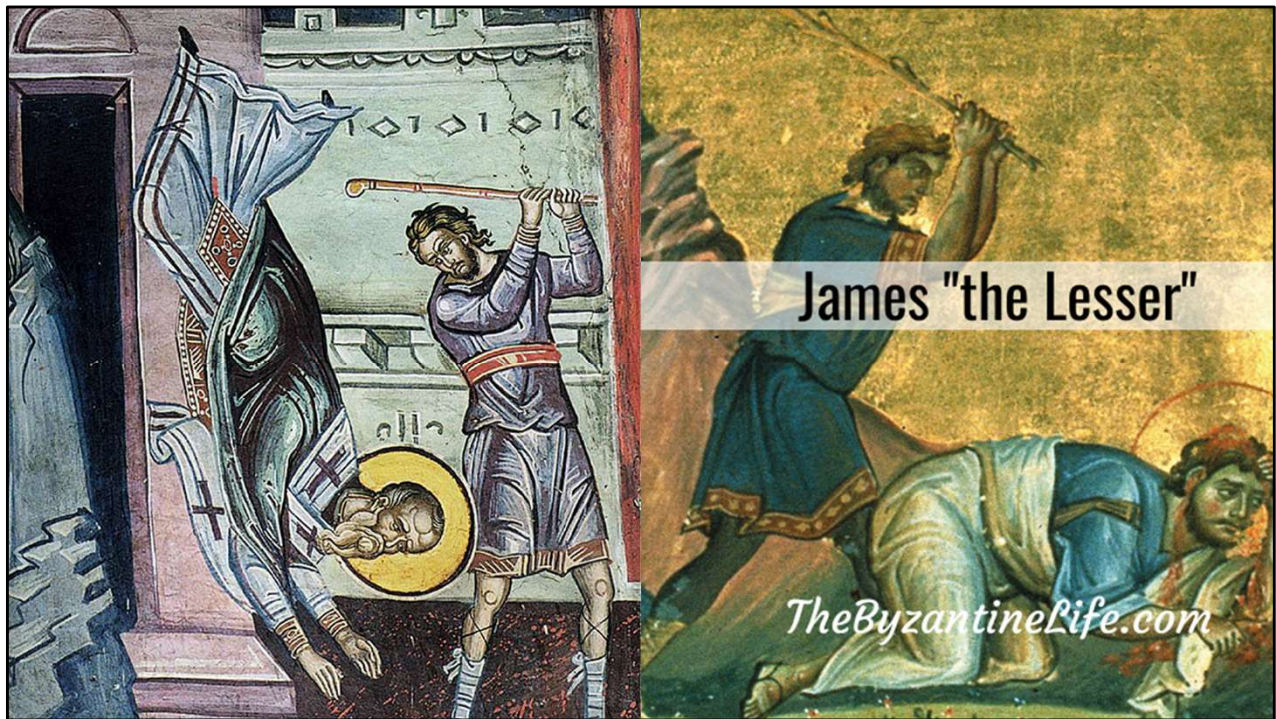


I'm always amazed at the Artistic pictures of bible verses. Isn't patience here seen as a beautiful unspoiled private island!!

From beginning to end, Patience is a theme!  
Why then do so many warn NOT to pray for Patience?

Because they think the only way to learn patience is thru suffering, and If you don't pray for Patience God won't send suffering?  
Suffering is coming either way!!!

[Jas 1:2-4 NASB20] 2 Consider it all joy, my brothers [and sisters,] when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have [its] perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.



James admonished us to be patient, but do you remember how he died?

Left side shows thrown from pinnacle of the temple

Right side he didn't die from fall so stoning and a club to the head

In about the year 62, Judea was in turmoil and anarchy after the death of the governor, Festus.

The Jews, who had been foiled in their efforts to have Paul put to death (Acts 25, 26), turned their attentions to James, whose fame as a just man had people believing in his teaching. Many people, ordinary and prominent citizens, had embraced the faith and the scribes and Pharisees were afraid that soon everyone would recognize the Messiah in the person of Christ. So they presented themselves to the Bishop of Jerusalem and entreated him to speak to the crowds at the temple.

To make himself heard, he went up onto a roof, and preached that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God.

The scribes and Pharisees were enraged and hurled him from the roof. Despite the fall, he was not killed, and, like Christ before him, prayed for his enemies, until he was stoned and a bystander hit him on the head with a large piece of wood and dispatched him. He may have been buried at the site, near the

Temple.

## Therefore be patient, brothers and sisters!

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- Other words for Patience? 6x in
  - μακροθυμέω makrothymeō suffer long
  - Endure x2, endurance, perseverance, not lose heart
  - “Love is patient”, “longsuffering”  
Hebrews 6:15, 2 Peter 3:9

[Jas 5:4, 6-7 NASB20] 4 Behold, the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields, [and] which has been withheld by you, cries out [against you;] and the outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of the Lord of armies. ... 6 You have condemned and put to death the righteous person; he offers you no resistance. 7 Therefore be patient, brothers [and sisters,] until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains.

This passage is continuing a thought of the Rich in this world, the worldly oppressing true believers and those believers needing to be PATIENT or PERSEVERING b/c The Lord WILL avenge!

Therefore  
be patient,

[Jas 5:7-8, 10-12 Therefore be patient, brothers [and sisters,] until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains.

8 You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

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10 As an example, brothers [and sisters,] of suffering and patience, take the



prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

11 We count those blessed who **endured**. You have heard of **the endurance of Job** and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and [is] merciful.

12 But above all, my brothers [and sisters,] do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you do not fall under judgment.

[Mat 18:26 NASB20] 26 "So the slave fell [to the ground] and prostrated himself before him, saying, 'Have[G3114] patience[G3114] with me and I will repay you everything.'

[Luk 18:7 NASB20] 7 now, will God not bring about justice for His elect who cry out to Him day and night, and will He delay[G3114] long[G3114] for them?

**1Co 13:4 Love is[G3114] patient[G3114], love is kind**, it is not jealous; love does not brag, it is not arrogant.

[1Th 5:14 NASB20] 14 We urge you, brothers [and sisters,] admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be[G3114] patient[G3114] with everyone.

**Heb 6:15 And so, having patiently[G3114] waited[G3114], he obtained the promise.** "when God made the promise to Abraham"

**2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is[G3114] patient[G3114] toward you, not willing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance.**

We tend to think of Patience as a Passive practice, a simple issue of time and also we tend to think of it in the context of delayed desires.

Patience here is more active and motivated from the heart/purposeful, often in the context of suffering/oppression, injustice

**Endured G5278** ὑπομείναντας ὑπομένω *hypomenō*

[Mat 10:22 NASB20] 22 "And you will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured[G5278] to the end who will be saved.

[Mat 24:13 NASB20] 13 "But the one who endures[G5278] to the end is the one who will be saved.

[Rom 12:12 NASB20] 12 rejoicing in hope, persevering[G5278] in tribulation, devoted to prayer,

**1Co 13:7** it keeps every confidence, it believes all things, hopes all things, **endures[G5278] all things.**

[2Ti 2:12 NASB20] 12 If we endure[G5278], we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He will also deny us;

[Heb 10:32 NASB20] 32 But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured[G5278] a great conflict of sufferings,

**Heb 12:2-3, 7** NASB20] 2 looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith, **who for the joy set before Him endured[G5278] the cross**, despising the

shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who has endured[G5278] such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. ... 7 It is for discipline that you endure[G5278]; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom [his] father does not discipline?

Jas 1:12 Blessed is a man who perseveres[G5278] under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which [the Lord] has promised to those who love Him.

Jas 5:11 We count those blessed who endured[G5278]. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and [is] merciful.

[1Pe 2:20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure[G5278] it with[G5278] patience[G5278]? But if when you do what is right and suffer [for it] you patiently[G5278] endure[G5278] it, this [finds] favor with God.

How are Job and Elijah alike? Job was a Prophet! By His example!

They were isolated and largely alone, Elijah said he was the only one left.

They're friends, if any, abandoned them

Their faith was under assault! Satan was after them personally!

They each faltered and struggled under the intense external pressures of suffering, each longing for death! Job suffered physically, Elijah emotionally

They were both being used of God in far reaching ways to impact His people!

Neither saw the hidden war and work of God!

They represent people of faith in 2 Era's, Post flood, pre-Abraham or Patriarchs and Times of the prophets, well after the Law

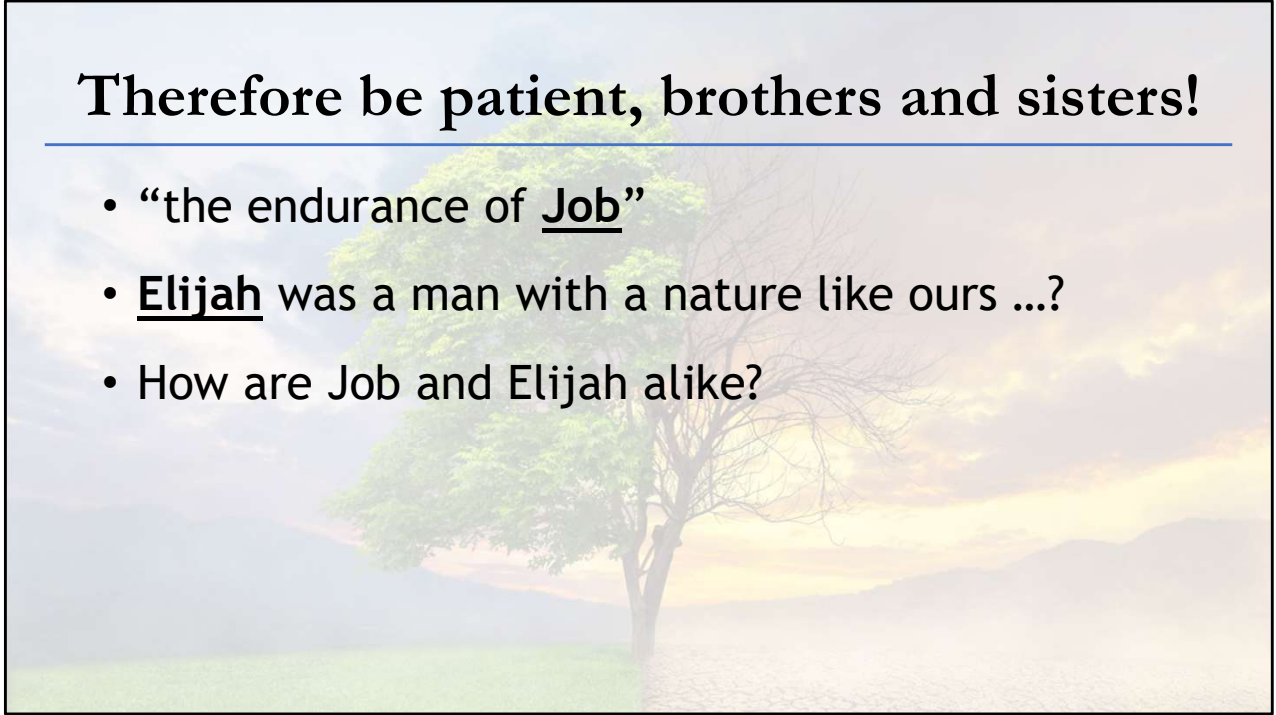
They are emblematic of persevering faith!


[Eze 14:14 NASB20] 14 even [though] these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in its midst, by their [own] righteousness they could [only] save themselves," declares the Lord GOD.

## Therefore be patient, brothers and sisters!

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- “the endurance of Job”
- Elijah was a man with a nature like ours ...?
- How are Job and Elijah alike?





Therefore 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. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.  
James 5:7-8

**Why a Farmers Allegory?**

**Adam was a Gardener!**

**Subsistence farming rules**

- Demands sow/ reap faith
- Depends on seed miracles
- Sow, water, reap

**God is a Farmer!**

**Israels Feasts / eschatology**

Farmers, above all, are very aware of:

1. Seeds are dead and someone needs to make them come alive!! Green thumbs? 1Cor.15:35-38
2. Patience is essential, it requires faith to plant, weed, cultivate, nurture and expect a crop! Days/weeks to see sprouts, Months to see fruit/veggies. We don't KNOW the end result until the end! Most of us live off Set Salaries, not commissions!
3. All along the way you need Sun, not too much or too little, Water/rain, not drought or drenching floods, protection form pestilence and locusts...
4. Know the seasons and the seed. Plant regardless! Eccl.11

The Bible begins in a garden and ends in one!

subsistence farming, (Jason saw this in Cameroon!) form of farming in which nearly all of the crops or livestock raised are used to maintain the farmer and the farmer's family, leaving little, if any, surplus for sale or trade. Subsistence agriculture was the dominant mode of production in the world until recently, <sup>[when?]</sup> when market-based capitalism became widespread. <sup>[4]</sup>  
In 2015, about 2 billion people (slightly more than 25% of the world's population) in 500 million households living in rural areas of developing



nations survive as "smallholder" farmers, working less than 2 hectares (5 acres) of land.<sup>[7]</sup> Around 98% of China's farmers work on small farms, and China accounts for around half of the total world farms.<sup>[7]</sup> In India, 80% of the total farmers are smallholder farmers; Ethiopia and Asia have almost 90% being small; while Mexico and Brazil recorded having 50% and 20% being small.<sup>[7]</sup>

[Deu 28:12 NASB20] 12 "The LORD will open for you His good storehouse, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season and to bless every work of your hand; and you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow.

[Isa 55:10-13 NASB20] 10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it produce and sprout, And providing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; 11 So will My word be which goes out of My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding [in the purpose] for which I sent it. 12 "For you will go out with joy And be led in peace; The mountains and the hills will break into shouts of joy before you, And all the trees of the field will clap [their] hands. 13 "Instead of the thorn bush, the juniper will come up, And instead of the stinging nettle, the myrtle will come up; And it will be a memorial to the LORD, An everlasting sign which will not be eliminated."

[Joe 2:23 NASB20] 23 So shout for joy, you sons of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD your God; For He has given you the early rain for [your] vindication. And He has brought down for you the rain, The early and latter rain as before.

[Gen 1:22 God blessed them, saying, "**Be fruitful and multiply**, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

[Gen 1:26-28 NASB20] 26 **Then God said, "Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth, and over every crawling thing that crawls on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 God blessed them; and **God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it;** and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

[Gen 2:4-5, 7-8, 15-16, 18 NASB20] 4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven. 5 Now no shrub of the field was yet on the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth, and **there was no man to cultivate the ground.** ... 7 **Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;** and the man became a living person. 8 The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed. ... 15 **Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and tend it.** 16 The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you

may freely eat; ... 18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

[Gen 8:17 "Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you, birds and animals and every crawling thing that crawls on the earth, that they may breed abundantly on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."

[Gen 9:1, 7 NASB20] 1 Then **God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. ... 7 "As for you, be fruitful and multiply; Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it."**

[Gen 26:22 NASB20] 22 Then he moved away from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it; so he named it Rehoboth, for he said, "At last the LORD has made room for us, and we will be fruitful in the land."

[Gen 35:11 NASB20] 11 God also said to him, "I am God Almighty; Be fruitful and multiply; A nation and a multitude of nations shall come from you, And kings shall come from you.

[Jer 23:3 NASB20] 3 "Then I Myself will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply.

[Eze 36:11 NASB20] 11 'I will multiply on you people and animals, and they will increase and be fruitful; and I will populate you as you were previously, and treat you better than at the beginning. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

[Jer 3:16 NASB20] 16 "And it shall be in those days when you become numerous and are fruitful in the land," declares the LORD, "they will no longer say, 'The ark of the covenant of the LORD.' And it will not come to mind, nor will they remember it, nor miss [it,] nor will it be made again.

[Mal 2:15 But not one has done [so] who has a remnant of the Spirit. **And why the one? He was seeking a godly offspring.** Be careful then about your spirit, and [see that] none [of you] deals treacherously against the wife of your youth.

[Jhn 20:15 **Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"** Thinking that He was the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you put Him, and I will take Him away."

1Co 15:17, 20-24, 35-38, 42, 45 and **if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.** ... 20 But the fact is, **Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits** of those who are asleep. 21 For since by a man death [came,] by a Man also [came] the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, 24 then [comes] the end, when He hands over the kingdom to [our] God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. ... 35 **But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?"** 36 **You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies; 37 and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else. 38 But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own.** ... 42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown

a perishable [body,] it is raised an imperishable [body;] ... 45 So also it is written: "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING PERSON." The last Adam [was] a life-giving spirit.

## **“brothers and sisters”! 4x (vs. 7, 9, 10, 12)**

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- Satan: Divide and Conquer!
- Ephesians 4:3 - being diligent to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit ...!
  - Be patient with God’s working in others lives, different pace
  - Be patient when we’re together more! Don’t complain!

[Jas 5:7, 9-10, 12 NASB20] 7 Therefore be patient, brothers [and sisters,] until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. ...

9 Do not complain, brothers [and sisters,] against one another, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.

10 As an example, brothers [and sisters,] of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ...

12 But above all, my brothers [and sisters,] do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you do not fall under judgment.

[Mat 12:25 NASB20] 25 And knowing their thoughts, [Jesus] said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and no city or house divided against itself will stand.

[Luk 11:17 NASB20] 17 But He knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and a house [divided] against itself falls.

[Mar 3:24 NASB20] 24 "And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.



Heb 10:24-25 and let's consider how to encourage one another in love and good deeds, 25 not abandoning our own meeting together, as is the habit of some people, but encouraging [one another;] and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

[Mat 18:20 NASB20] 20 "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

[Jhn 20:19 NASB20] 19 Now when it was evening on that day, the first [day] of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were [together] due to fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst, and said to them, "Peace [be] to you."

[Act 2:42 NASB20] 42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

[1Co 11:18 NASB20] 18 For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that divisions exist among you; and in part I believe it.

[Heb 3:13 NASB20] 13 But encourage one another every day, as long as it is [still] called "today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

[Eph 4:3-7, 13-16 NASB20] 3 being diligent to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 [There is] one body and one Spirit, just as you also were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ... 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. 14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of people, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all [aspects] into Him who is the head, [that is,] Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.



As end times approach it will be hard because

- Some will suffer more than others, cancel culture, Those with higher visibility, randomization...Have you considered my servant Job?! Those suffering can resent those who don't! Especially if others compromise
- Close proximity exposes our personal flaws and foibles
- Favoritism, family, friendships

[Jas 4:11 NASB20] 11 Do not speak against one another, brothers [and sisters.] The one who speaks against a brother [or sister,] or judges his brother [or sister,] speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge [of it.]

[Gal 5:26 NASB20] 26 Let's not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

[1Pe 4:9 NASB20] 9 Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

## “What more was there to do for My vineyard?”

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- God’s the farmer - Matthew 3:10, 7:17, 13; Isaiah 5; Hebrews 6:7-15
- Let’s not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary.  
- Galatians 5:22-24, 6:6-10
- 2 Timothy 2:1-7 - Illust. Soldier, Athlete, Farmer

He gives us His Holy Spirit, Miracle grow!

[Luk 8:15 NASB20] 15 "But the [seed] in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word with a good and virtuous heart, and hold it firmly, and produce fruit with perseverance.

[2Co 6:4-5 NASB20] 4 but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in difficulties, 5 in beatings, in imprisonments, in mob attacks, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger,

[Gal 6:9 NASB20] 9 Let's not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary.

[Deu 11:14 NASB20] 14 that He will provide rain for your land in its season, the early and late rain, so that you may gather your grain, your new wine, and your oil.

[Jer 5:24 NASB20] 24 'They do not say in their heart, "Let us now fear the LORD our God, Who gives rain in its season, Both the autumn rain and the spring rain, Who keeps for us The appointed weeks of the harvest."

[Hos 6:3 NASB20] 3 "So let's learn, let's press on to know the LORD. His appearance is as sure as the dawn; And He will come to us like the rain, As the spring rain waters the earth."

[Joe 2:23 NASB20] 23 So shout for joy, you sons of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD

your God; For He has given you the early rain for [your] vindication. And He has brought down for you the rain, The early and latter rain as before.

[Zec 10:1 NASB20] 1 Ask for rain from the LORD at the time of the spring rain--The LORD who makes the storm winds; And He will give them showers of rain, vegetation in the field to [each] person.

### **3 Illustrations; Soldier, Athlete, Farmer! Farmers don't get enough credit!**

2Ti 2:1-3, 5-7 NASB20] 1 **You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.** 2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, **entrust these to faithful people** who will be able to teach others also. 3 **Suffer hardship with [me,] as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. . . .** 5 And if someone likewise **competes as an athlete**, he is not crowned [as victor] unless he **competes according to the rules.** 6 **The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops.** 7 Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

**Ecc 11:1-6 NASB20]** 1 Cast your bread on the surface of the waters, for you will find it after many days. 2 Divide your portion to seven, or even to eight, for **you do not know what misfortune may occur on the earth.** 3 If the clouds are full, they pour out rain on the earth; and whether a tree falls toward the south or toward the north, wherever the tree falls, there it lies. 4 **One who watches the wind will not sow and one who looks at the clouds will not harvest.** 5 **Just as you do not know the path of the wind, and how bones [are formed] in the womb of the pregnant woman, so you do not know the activity of God who makes everything.** 6 Sow your seed in the morning and do not be idle in the evening, for you do not know whether one or the other will succeed, or whether both of them alike will be good.

**Heb 6:7-15 NASB20]** 7 For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and produces vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God; 8 but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned. 9 But, beloved, we are convinced of better things regarding you, and things that accompany salvation, even though we are speaking in this way. 10 For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, by having served and by [still] serving the saints. 11 And we desire that each one of you demonstrate the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and endurance inherit the promises. 13 For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear an oath by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, "INDEED I WILL GREATLY BLESS YOU AND I WILL GREATLY MULTIPLY YOU." 15 And so, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise.

**Isa 5:1-4 NASB20]** 1 Let me sing now for my beloved A song of my beloved about His



vineyard. My beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hill. 2 He dug it all around, cleared it of stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. And He built a tower in the middle of it, And also carved out a wine vat in it; Then He expected [it] to produce [good] grapes, But it produced [only] worthless ones. 3 "And now, you inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, Judge between Me and My vineyard. 4 "What more was there to do for My vineyard that I have not done in it? Why, [when] I expected [it] to produce [good] grapes did it produce worthless ones?

**Sower and the seed, 4 types of soil, Wheat and weeds,**

**Mat 13:18-30** NASB20] 18 "Listen then to the parable of the sower. 19 "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand [it,] the evil [one] comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one sown [with seed] beside the road. 20 "The one sown [with seed] on the rocky places, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no [firm] root in himself, but is [only] temporary, and when affliction or persecution occurs because of the word, immediately he falls away. 22 "And the one sown [with seed] among the thorns, this is the one who hears the word, and the anxiety of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. 23 "But the one sown [with seed] on the good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces, some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty [times as much.]" 24 Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 "But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and left. 26 "And when the wheat sprouted and produced grain, then the weeds also became evident. 27 "And the slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' 28 "And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' The slaves said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?' 29 "But he said, 'No; while you are gathering up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. 30 'Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and at the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the weeds and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn. "'"

**Gal 5:22-24** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

**Cleansing the Temple, in last week of Christs incarnational ministry, days before the cross.**

[Mat 21:19-21 NASB20] 19 And seeing **a lone fig tree** by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it except leaves alone; and He said to it, "No longer shall there ever be [any] fruit from you." And at once the fig tree withered. 20 Seeing [this,] the disciples were amazed and asked, "How did the fig tree wither [all] at once?" 21

And Jesus answered and said to them, "Truly I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what [was done] to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it will happen.

[Mat 24:32 NASB20] 32 "Now learn the parable from the fig tree: as soon as its branch has become tender and sprouts its leaves, you know that summer is near;

[Luk 13:6-7 NASB20] 6 And He [began] telling this parable: "A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find [any.] 7 "And he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'Look! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?'

[Luk 21:29 NASB20] 29 And He told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees:

[Jas 3:12 NASB20] 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers [and sisters,] bear olives, or a vine [bear] figs? Nor [can] salt water produce fresh.

[Rev 6:13 NASB20] 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.

[Gen 3:7 NASB20] 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves waist coverings.

[Gal 6:6-10 NASB20] 6 The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches [him.] 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a person sows, this he will also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will reap destruction from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit. 9 Let's not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary. 10 So then, while we have opportunity, let's do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

[Mat 3:10 NASB20] 10 "And the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit is being cut down and thrown into the fire.

[Mat 7:17-19 NASB20] 17 "So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

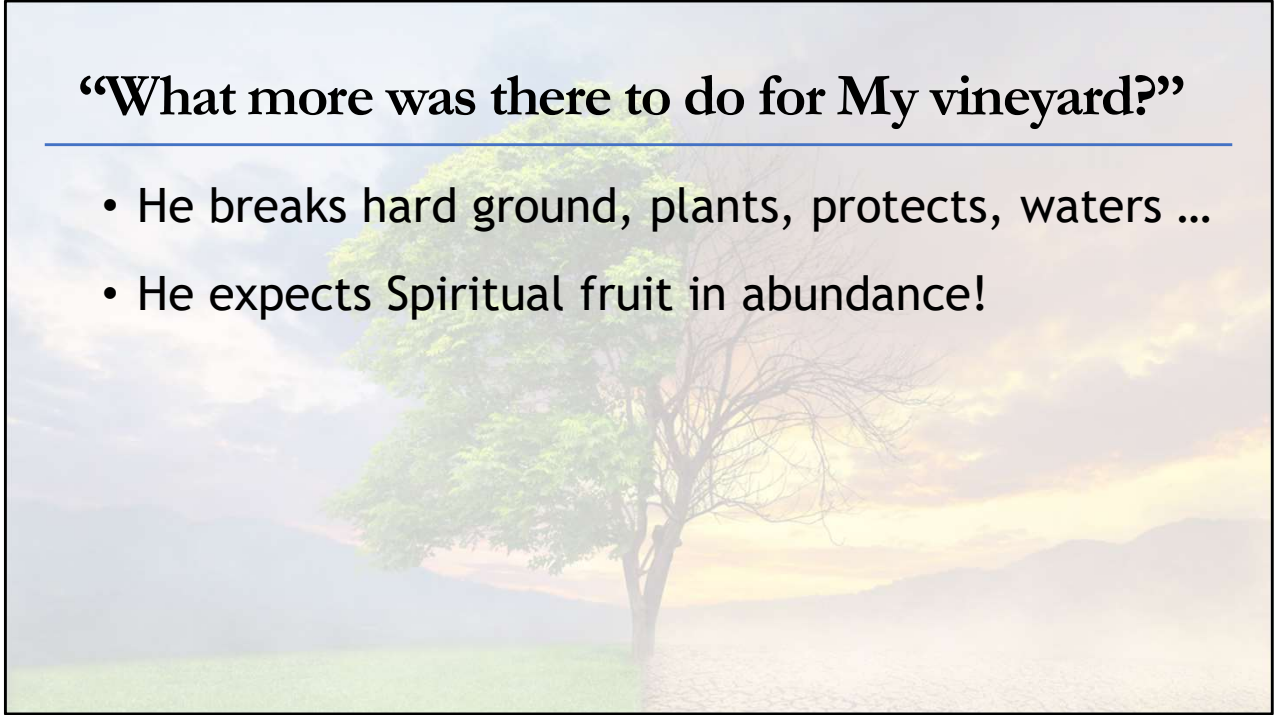
[Mat 12:33 NASB20] 33 "Either assume the tree [to be] good as well as its fruit good, or assume the tree [to be] bad as well as its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit.

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## **“What more was there to do for My vineyard?”**

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- He breaks hard ground, plants, protects, waters ...
- He expects Spiritual fruit in abundance!



YOU ALSO BE PATIENT.  
ESTABLISH YOUR HEARTS,



FOR THE COMING OF  
THE LORD IS AT HAND.

James 5:8

[Jas 5:8 NASB20] 8 You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

[Luk 22:32 NASB20] 32 but I have prayed for you, that your faith will not fail; and you, when you have turned back, strengthen[G4741] your brothers."

[Rom 1:11 NASB20] 11 For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established[G4741];

[Rom 16:25 NASB20] 25 Now to Him who is able to establish[G4741] you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past,

[1Th 3:13 NASB20] 13 so that He may establish[G4741] your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

[2Th 2:17 NASB20] 17 comfort and strengthen[G4741] your hearts in every good work and word.

[2Th 3:3 NASB20] 3 But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen[G4741] and protect you from the evil one.

[Jas 5:8 NASB20] 8 You too be patient; strengthen[G4741] your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

[1Pe 5:10 NASB20] 10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all



grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm[G4741], strengthen, [and] establish [you.]  
[2Pe 1:12 NASB20] 12 Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you [already] know [them] and have been established[G4741] in the truth which is present with [you.]  
[Rev 3:2 NASB20] 2 'Be constantly alert, and strengthen[G4741] the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.

## The early and late rains.

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- Until the coming of the Lord - 5:3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10
- Eschatological implications?! 6x?
- The Jewish feasts have been a roadmap for epochs
- The dog days of summer are almost over
- The Promises to Israel are coming to pass
- Spring and Fall rains / Harvests!

5:3 will serve as a testimony against you and will consume your flesh like fire. **It is in the last days** that you have stored up your treasure!

5:5 **a day of slaughter.**

5:7 **until the coming of the Lord.**

5:8 **for the coming of the Lord is near.**

5:9 **behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.** Rev.3:20

5:10 **take the prophets** who spoke in the name of the Lord...Elijah! Mal.4:5 [Mal 4:5 NASB20] 5 "**Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD.**

[Rev 3:20 NASB20] 20 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

[Num 10:10 NASB20] 10 "Also on the day of your joy and at your appointed feasts, and on the first [days] of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be as a reminder of you before your God. I am the LORD your God."

[2Ch 2:4 NASB20] 4 "Behold, I am about to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, dedicating it to Him, to burn fragrant incense before Him and [to set

out] the showbread continually, and to offer burnt offerings morning and evening, on Sabbaths, on new moons, and on the appointed feasts of the LORD our God. This [is to be done] in Israel forever.

[2Ch 8:13 NASB20] 13 and [he did so] according to the daily rule, offering [them] up according to the commandment of Moses, for the Sabbaths, the new moons, and the three annual feasts--the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Booths.

[Isa 29:1 NASB20] 1 Woe, Ariel, Ariel the city [where] David [once] camped! Add year to year, keep [your] feasts on schedule.

[Isa 33:20 NASB20] 20 Look at Zion, the city of our appointed feasts; Your eyes will see Jerusalem, an undisturbed settlement, A tent which will not be folded; Its stakes will never be pulled up, Nor any of its ropes be torn apart.

[Nah 1:15 NASB20] 15 Behold, on the mountains, the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace! Celebrate your feasts, Judah, Pay your vows. For never again will the wicked one pass through you; He is eliminated completely.

[Mal 2:3 NASB20] 3 "Behold, I am going to rebuke your descendants, and I will spread dung on your faces, the dung of your feasts; and you will be taken away with it.

[Jde 1:12] These are the ones who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, [like shepherds] caring [only] for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted;

[Psa 32:4 NASB20] 4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality failed [as] with the dry heat of summer. Selah

[Jer 8:20 NASB20] 20 "Harvest is past, summer is over, And we are not saved."

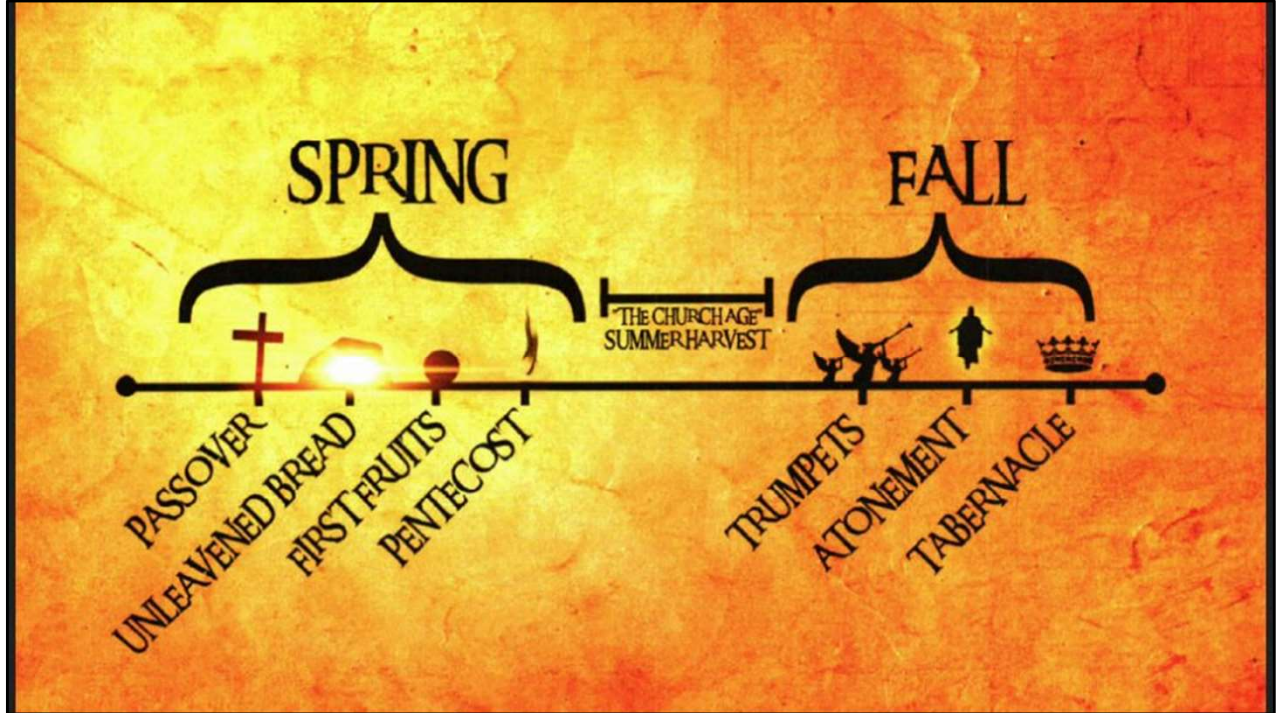
[Amo 8:1-2 NASB20] 1 This is what the Lord GOD showed me, and behold, [there was] a basket of summer fruit. 2 And He said, "What do you see, Amos?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me, "The end has come for My people Israel. I will not spare them any longer.

[Mic 7:1 NASB20] 1 Woe to me! For I am Like harvests of summer fruit, like gleanings of grapes. **There is not a cluster of grapes [left] to eat, [Nor] an early fig, [which] I crave.**

[Mat 24:32 NASB20] 32 "**Now learn the parable from the fig tree: as soon as its branch has become tender and sprouts its leaves, you know that summer is near;**

[Mar 13:28 NASB20] 28 "Now learn the parable from the fig tree: as soon as its branch has become tender and sprouts its leaves, you know that summer is near.

[Luk 21:30 NASB20] 30 as soon as they put forth [leaves,] you see for yourselves and know that summer is now near.



An Old and a New Covenant, Jews and Gentiles  
 Spring and Fall Feasts separated by a long summer  
 Fall feasts, 2<sup>nd</sup> set come rapid fire!

Time of the Gentiles! Rom.11:25, Lk.21:24

**Rom 11:25** For I do not want you, brothers [and sisters,] to be uninformed of this mystery--so that you will not be wise in your own estimation--**that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in**;

[Rom 16:25 NASB20] 25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past,

[Eph 3:9 NASB20] 9 and to enlighten all people as to what the plan of the mystery is which for ages has been hidden in God, who created all things;

[Rom 11:7-8 NASB20] 7 What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened; 8 just as it is written: "**GOD GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF STUPOR, EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT, DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY.**"

[2Co 3:14-16 NASB20] 14 But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is

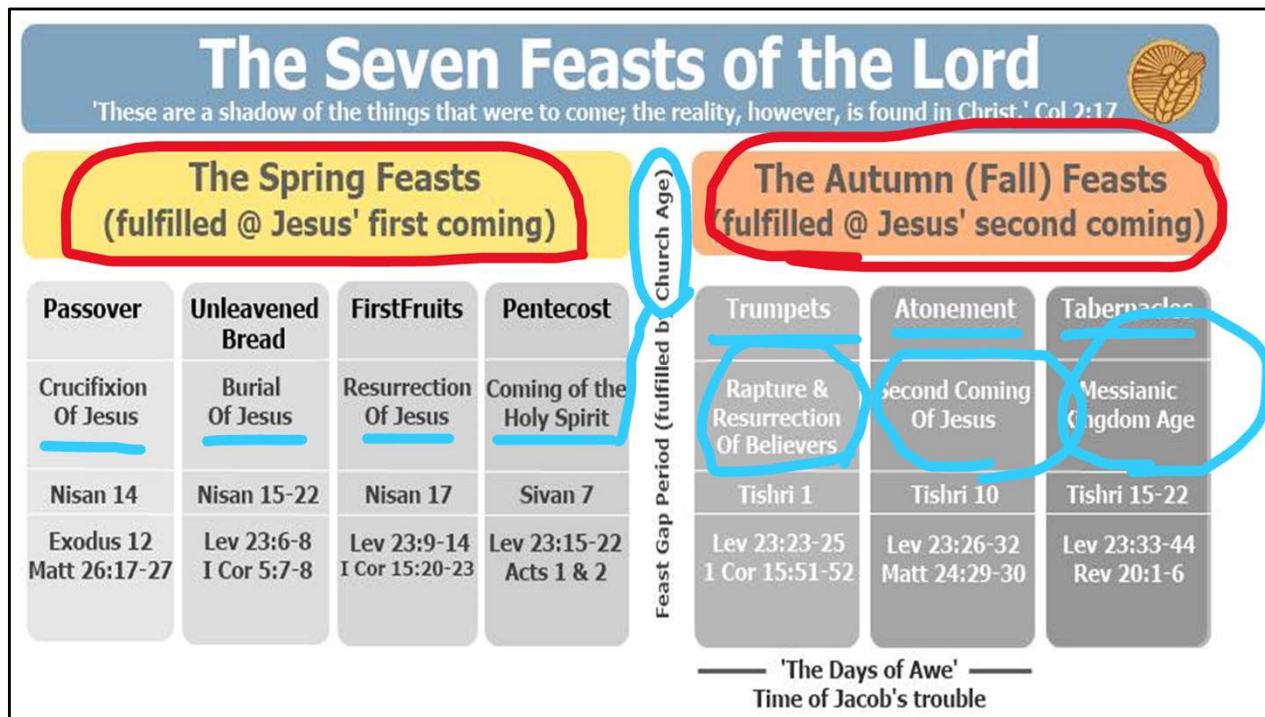
removed in Christ. 15 But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts; 16 but whenever [someone] turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

Luk 21:24 NASB20] 24 and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until [the] times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

[Rev 7:9 NASB20] 9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and [all the] tribes, peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches [were] in their hands;

70 weeks, 69 have passed and there is a Dramatic Parenthesis! 1 week is left?! Dan 9:24-25, 27 NASB20] 24 "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the wrongdoing, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for guilt, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy Place. 25 "So you are to know and understand [that] from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, until Messiah the Prince, [there will be] seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, [with] streets and moat, even in times of distress. ... 27 "And he will confirm a covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations [will come] the one who makes desolate, until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, gushes forth on the one who makes desolate."





Col 2:16-17 Therefore, no one is to act as your judge in regard to food and drink, or in respect to a festival or a new moon, or a Sabbath day-- 17 things which are [only] a shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.

**Trumpets = Rapture**

[1Co 15:52 NASB20] 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

[Mat 24:31 NASB20] 31 "And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET BLAST, and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

[1Th 4:16 NASB20] 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of [the] archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

**Atonement = 2<sup>nd</sup> coming, visible return**

**Tabernacles = millennial Kingdom!**

# FIRST & SECOND COMING OF CHRIST CONTRASTED

FIRST COMING	SECOND COMING
Christ comes to save sinners (John 3:17; I Tim. 1:15)	Christ comes to condemn sinners (II Ths. 1:7-9; Rev. 14:18-21)
Christ shed His blood	Christ sheds His enemies' blood (Rev. 14:18-21; Isa. 63:1-6)
Christ rides a humble donkey (Mat. 21:4-9)	Christ rides a glorious white horse (Rev. 19:11)
The devil has Jesus bound (Mat. 27:2)	Jesus has the devil bound (Rev. 20:2)
Jerusalem destroyed (70 A.D.)	Babylon destroyed (Rev. 17)
Jesus is a servant	Jesus is a king
Jesus is a lamb (John 1:29)	Jesus is a Lion (Rev. 5:5)
Jesus is rejected by the Jews, but received by the Gentiles (John 1:11-12)	Rejected by Gentiles, received by Jews (Isa. 66:7-8; Rom. 11:25-28; Rev. 7)
Jesus turned down the kingdoms of this world (Luke 4:5-8)	Jesus rules the kingdoms of this world (Rev. 11:15-17)
Jesus established a spiritual kingdom (Rom. 14:17; Col. 1:13)	Jesus establishes a physical kingdom (Rev. 20:1-7; Dan. 2:44)
The "king of the Jews" crucified (Mat. 27:37)	The 'KING OF KINGS' reigns (Rev. 19:16)
Receives a crown of thorns (Mat. 27:29)	Receives many crowns (Rev. 19:12)
Jesus lies in a manger (Luke 2:7)	Jesus sits on a throne (Luke 1:32; Rev. 6:16-17)

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Lamb Lion  
 Die Reign  
 Cross Crown  
 Humiliation Exaltation  
 Crown of thorns Crown of Triumph  
 Grapes of Communion wine Grapes of Wrath



A Harvest is coming and Jesus will reap!

Nothing here about Jesus being Grim, But Jesus is clearly here!  
May be laughing! Smiling!

[Rev 14:14-20 NASB20] 14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud [was] one like a son of man, with a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand. 15 And another angel came out of the temple, calling out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in Your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe." 16 Then He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped. 17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. 18 Then another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe." 19 So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered [the clusters from] the vine

of the earth, and threw [them] into the great wine press of the wrath of God.  
20 And the wine press was trampled outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of 1,600 stadia.

[Psa 2:4 NASB20] 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord scoffs at them.  
[Psa 37:13 NASB20] 13 The Lord laughs at him, For He sees that his day is coming.

[Rev 6:9-11 NASB20] 9 When [the Lamb] broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been killed because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; 10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who live on the earth?" 11 And a white robe was given to each of them; and they were told that they were to rest for a little while longer, until [the number of] their fellow servants and their brothers [and sisters] who were to be killed even as they [had been,] was completed also.

## **‘still four months, and then comes the harvest’?**

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- The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and one who is wise gains souls. - Proverbs 11:30

So, aware of an eternal perspective, the gardening Allegory, lets sow the gospel and reap souls for His coming!  
Praying “Whatever it takes!”  
Evangelism!

[Jhn 4:35 NASB20] 35 “Do you not say, ‘There are still four months, and [then] comes the harvest’? Behold, I tell you, raise your eyes and observe the fields, that they are white for harvest.

[Jhn 4:36 NASB20] 36 “Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that the one who sows and the one who reaps may rejoice together.

[Mat 9:37-38 NASB20] 37 Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. 38 “Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

[Dan 12:3 NASB20] 3 “And those who have insight will shine like the glow of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

[Rom 1:13 NASB20] 13 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers [and sisters,] that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented so far) so that

I may obtain some fruit among you also just as among the rest of the Gentiles. [1Co 3:6-7, 9 I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. 7 So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. ... 9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

[Psa 126:5-6 NASB20] 5 Those who sow in tears shall harvest with joyful shouting. 6 One who goes here and there weeping, carrying [his] bag of seed, Shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves [with him.]

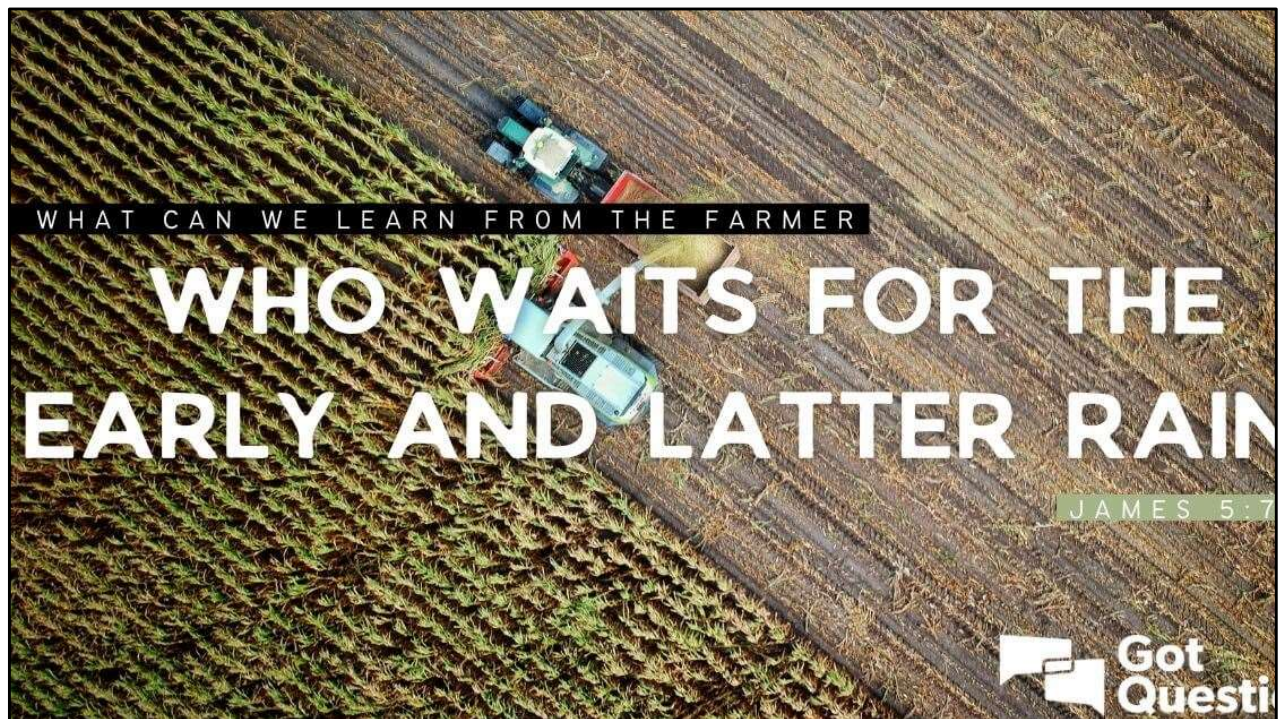
[Jas 5:16-20 NASB20] 16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. **A prayer of a righteous person, when it is brought about, can accomplish much.** 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. 18 Then **he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.** 19 **My brothers [and sisters,] if anyone among you strays from the truth and someone turns him back,** 20 **let him know that the one who has turned a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.**



## **‘still four months, and then comes the harvest’?**

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- “Do you not say, ‘There are still four months, and [then] comes the harvest’? Behold, I tell you, raise your eyes and observe the fields, that they are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that the one who sows and the one who reaps may rejoice together.” - John 4:35



Got Questions

Waiting for the early and latter rains!

**Mat 5:45 NASB20]** 45 so that you may prove yourselves to be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for **He causes His sun to rise on [the] evil and [the] good, and sends rain on [the] righteous and [the] unrighteous.**

[Mat 7:25, 27 NASB20] 25 "And the rain fell and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and [yet] it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. ... 27 "And the rain fell and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell--and its collapse was great."

## Profits 5:1 or Prophets 5:10?

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- Which do you treasure more?
- Both profits and prophets increase over time
- Temporal / mortal or Eternal perspective?
  - 2 Corinthians 4:17
- Job was a Prophet? 5:10-11, Elijah? How alike?

Jas 5:10-11, 17 NASB20] 10 As an example, brothers [and sisters,] of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

11 We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and [is] merciful. ...

17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months.

[Jas 2:21, 25 NASB20] 21 Was our father Abraham not justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ...

25 In the same way, was Rahab the prostitute not justified by works also when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?

Abraham

Rahab

Job

Elijah!

2Co 4:14-18 knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus, and will present [us] with you. 15 For all things [are] for your sakes, so that

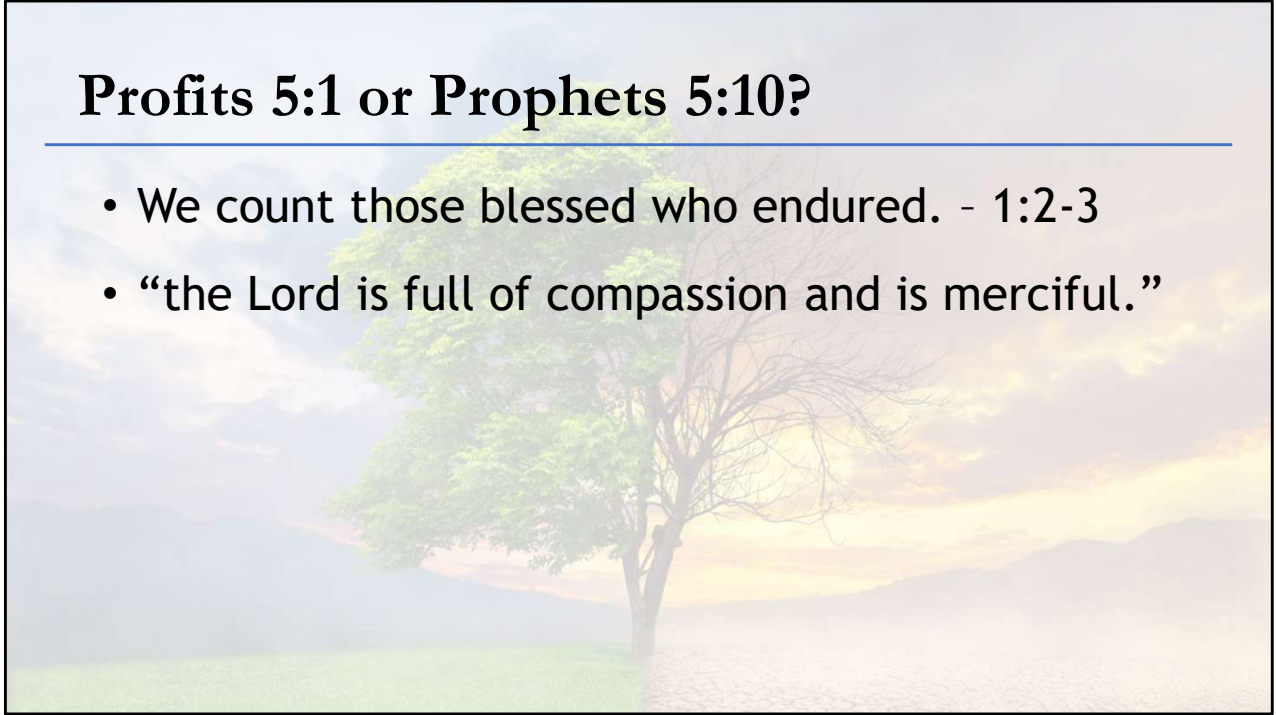
grace, having spread to more and more people, will cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. 16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer person is decaying, yet our inner [person] is being renewed day by day. 17 For our momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

[Jas 1:2-3, 8, 12 NASB20] 2 Consider it all joy, my brothers [and sisters,] when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ... 8 [being] a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. ... 12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which [the Lord] has promised to those who love Him.

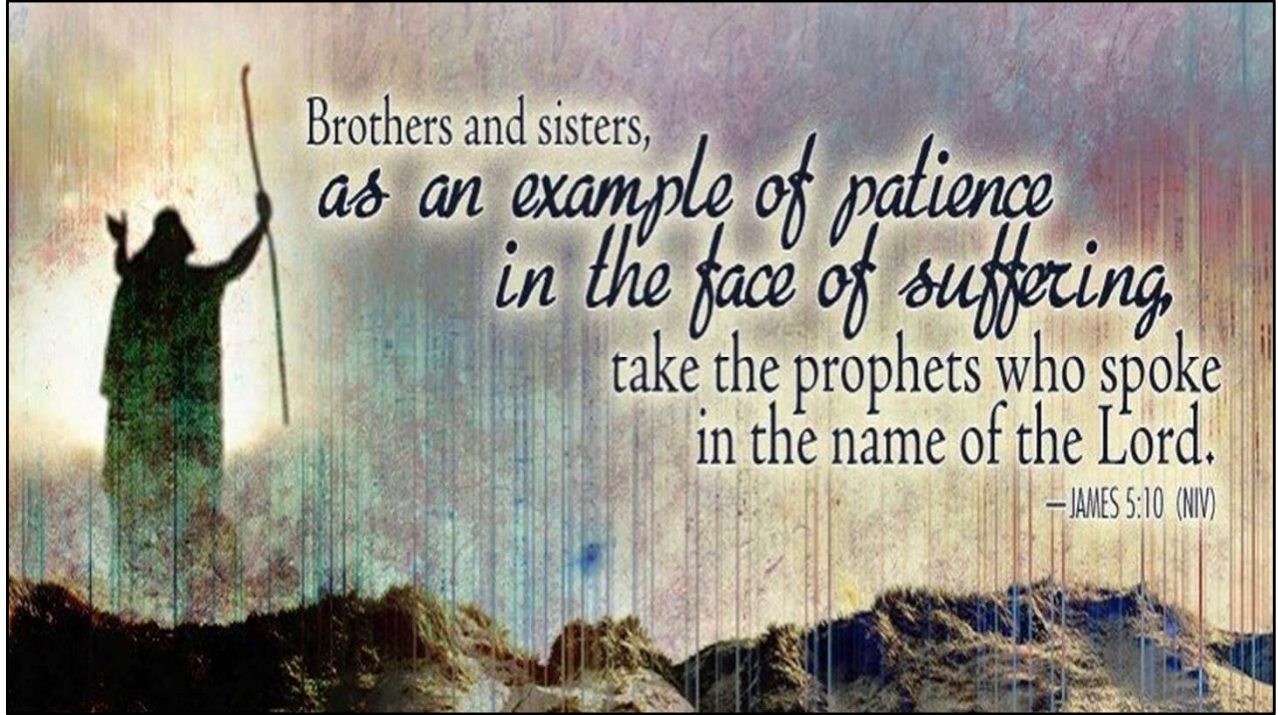
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## God's word is better than gold

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- “But make sure your statement is, ‘Yes, yes’ [or] ‘No, no’; anything beyond these is of evil  
- Matthew 5:37
- Therefore, I was not vacillating when I intended to do this, was I? Or what I decide, do I decide according to the flesh, so that with me there will be yes, yes and no, no [at the same time?]  
- 2 Corinthians 1:17

Say what you mean and mean what you say!!! Its your integrity!

[Mat 5:37 NASB20] 37 "But make sure your statement is, 'Yes, yes' [or] 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of evil [origin.]

[2Co 1:17-19 NASB20] 17 Therefore, I was not vacillating when I intended to do this, was I? Or what I decide, do I decide according to the flesh, so that with me there will be yes, yes and no, no [at the same time?]

**18 But [as] God is faithful, our word to you is not yes and no.** 19 For the Son of God, Christ Jesus, who was preached among you by us--by me and Silvanus and Timothy--was not yes and no, but has been yes in Him.

[Jas 5:12 NASB20] 12 But above all, my brothers [and sisters,] do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you do not fall under judgment.

[1Pe 1:7 NASB20] 7 so that the proof of your faith, [being] more precious than gold which perishes though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

[Pro 3:14 NASB20] 14 For her profit is better than the profit of silver, And her produce better than gold.

[Pro 8:19 NASB20] 19 "My fruit is better than gold, even pure gold; And my yield

[better] than choice silver.

[Psa 119:72 NASB20] 72 The Law of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of gold and silver [pieces.]

[Pro 16:16 NASB20] 16 How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver.

[Pro 22:1 NASB20] 1 A [good] name is to be more desired than great wealth; Favor is better than silver and gold.

[Tit 1:2 NASB20] 2 in the hope of eternal life, which **God, who cannot lie, promised** long ages ago,

[1Jo 2:25 NASB20] 25 This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.

[Num 23:19 NASB20] 19 "God is not a man, that He would lie, Nor a son of man, that He would change His mind; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

[1Sa 15:29 NASB20] 29 "Also the Glory of Israel will not lie nor change His mind; for He is not a man, that He would change His mind."

[Heb 6:17-18 NASB20] 17 In the same way God, desiring even more to demonstrate to the heirs of the promise the fact that His purpose is unchangeable, confirmed it with an oath, 18 so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to hold firmly to the hope set before us.

## God's word is better than gold

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- But above all, my brothers, [and sisters,] do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you do not fall under judgement.  
- James 5:12

James 5:9



Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!

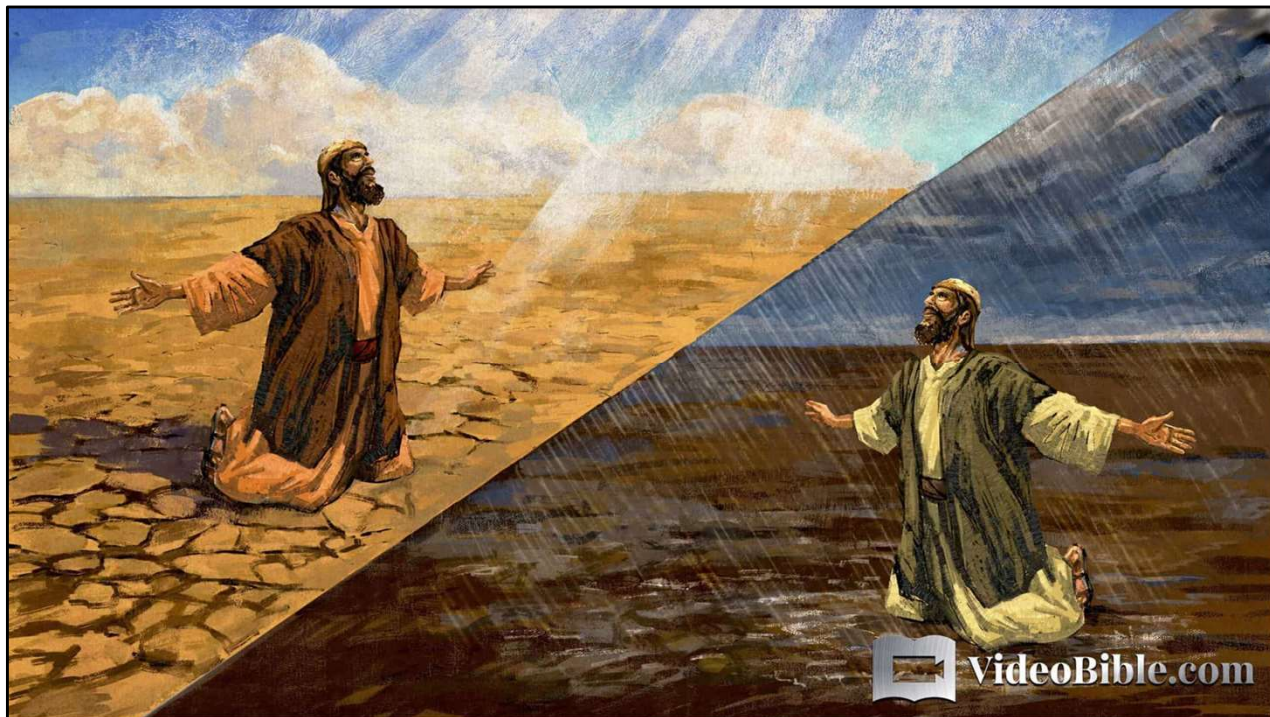


you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how  
the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

**James 5:11**

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**AMAZING FACTS**

My brethren, count it all  
joy when you fall into various  
trials, knowing that the  
testing of your faith produces

*patience.*

But let patience have  
its perfect work, that  
you may be perfect and  
complete, lacking nothing.

JAMES 1:2-4



AMAZING FACTS

YOU ALSO BE PATIENT. ESTABLISH  
YOUR HEARTS, FOR THE COMING  
OF THE LORD **IS AT HAND.**

JAMES 5:8





# THE SEVEN BIBLICAL FEASTS

Based on Leviticus 23:4-43

by Tom Simcox

Of all the holidays celebrated throughout history, only these seven were given by God to His people Israel. It is interesting to note that all Jewish men were required to present themselves before God in the Temple in Jerusalem for Unleavened Bread. Because Passover preceded Unleavened Bread by only one day, they likely arrived before Passover. And because they were supposed to remain in Jerusalem for Unleavened Bread and were not allowed to travel on the Sabbath, they probably remained for Firstfruits as well. Firstfruits was to be held "on the day after the Sabbath" (Lev. 23:11), meaning Sunday.

Pesach		Bikkurim	Shavuot	Rosh Hashanah	Yom Kippur	Sukkot
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Passover</b> v. 5 Ex. 12:1-46	<b>Unleavened Bread</b> vv. 6-8 Ex. 23:14-15	<b>Firstfruits</b> vv. 9-14 Ex. 23:16, 19	<b>Feast of Weeks or Pentecost</b> vv. 15-22 Ex. 34:22	<b>Trumpets</b> vv. 23-25 Num. 29:1-6	<b>Day of Atonement</b> vv. 26-32 Lev. 16:1-34	<b>Tabernacles</b> vv. 33-43 Dt. 16:13
<b>PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE</b> <b>REDEMPTION</b> "Christ, our Passover" (1 Cor. 5:7)	<b>PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE</b> <b>SANCTIFICATION</b> Speaks of holiness. Jesus had no sin. (2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 1:19)	<b>PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE</b> <b>RESURRECTION</b> Jesus arose. (1 Cor. 15:20-28)	<b>PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE</b> <b>A NEW BEGINNING</b> The birthday of the church. Grace replaces Law. (Acts 2)	<b>PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE</b> <b>ISRAEL'S REGATHERING</b> (Ezek. 37:1-28)	<b>PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE</b> <b>ISRAEL'S SPIRITUAL AWAKENING</b> (Zech. 12:1-13:2)	<b>PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE</b> <b>THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM</b> (Isa. 2:1-4)
MARCH/APRIL		MAY/JUNE		SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER		
NISAN 14	NISAN 15-21	SIVAN 16-17		TISHREI 1	TISHREI 10	TISHREI 15
2021: Mar 27-Apr 4 • 2022: Apr 15-23		2021: May 16-18 2022: June 4-6		2021: Sept 6-8 2022: Sept 25-27	2021: Sept 15-16 2022: Oct 4-5	2021: Sept 20-27 2022: Oct 9-16
Today Passover and Unleavened Bread are celebrated together for eight days, and Firstfruits is not actively celebrated. Passover is the first of the seven biblical feasts.		Today it is celebrated as the birthday of national Israel and the giving of the Law through Moses.		Today it is celebrated as Rosh Hashanah. It commemorates the creation of the world and begins the civil new year.	This day addressed Israel's national sin. In Temple times, it was the only day the holy of holies could be entered, and then by the high priest alone.	It commemorates Israel's wilderness wanderings. Today Jewish people build outdoor booths (sukkot) and dine in them. This feast is addressed in John 7:37-39.



BE PATIENT, THEN, BROTHERS AND SISTERS,  
UNTIL THE LORD'S COMING. SEE HOW THE  
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VALUABLE CROP, PATIENTLY WAITING FOR  
THE AUTUMN AND SPRING RAINS.

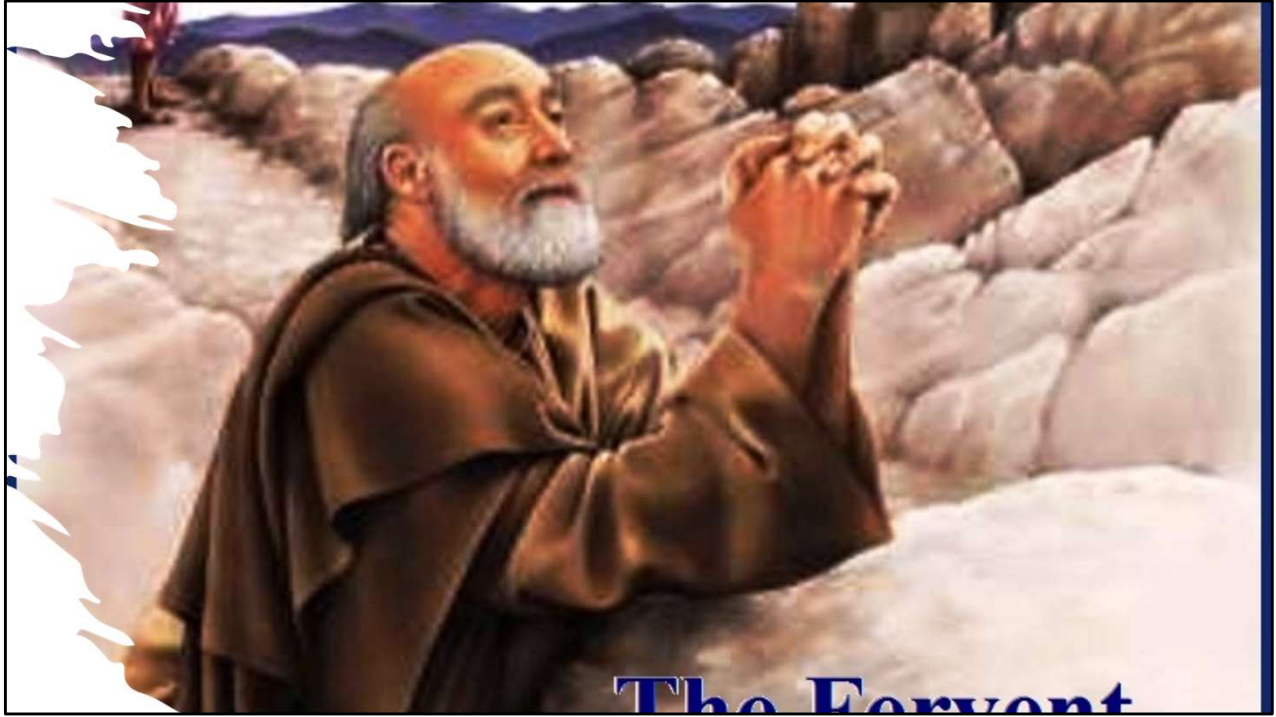
JAMES 5:7

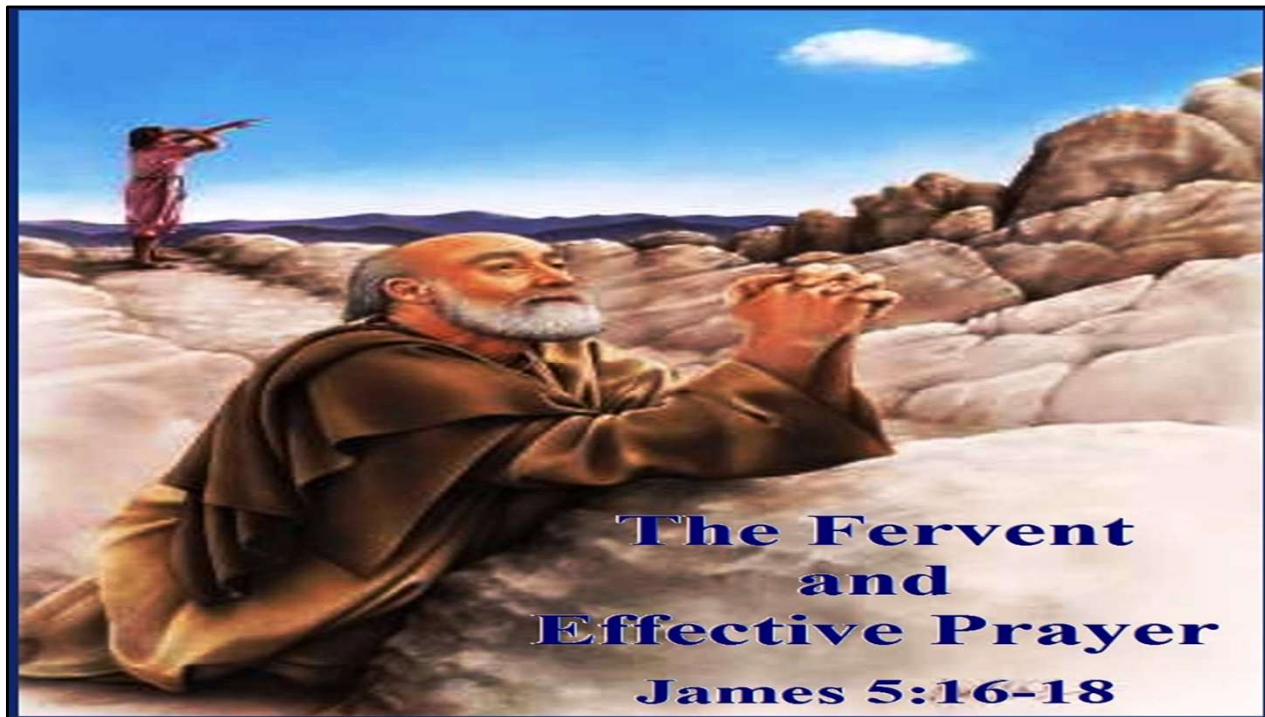


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**The Fervent  
and  
Effective Prayer  
James 5:16-18**



DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,  
**be patient**  
AS YOU WAIT FOR THE LORD'S RETURN.

**Consider the farmers**  
WHO PATIENTLY WAIT FOR THE RAINS  
IN THE FALL AND IN THE SPRING.

**They eagerly look**  
FOR THE VALUABLE HARVEST TO RIPEN.

**YOU, TOO, MUST BE PATIENT.**

TAKE COURAGE, FOR THE  
**coming of the Lord**  
IS NEAR.

JAMES 5:7-8 NLT

**THEREFORE BE PATIENT, BRETHREN,**  
*UNTIL THE COMING OF THE LORD*  
James 5:7-12





**BE PATIENT,  
THEREFORE,  
BROTHERS, UNTIL THE  
COMING OF THE  
LORD. SEE HOW THE  
FARMER WAITS FOR  
THE PRECIOUS FRUIT  
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*James 5:7-8 ESV*





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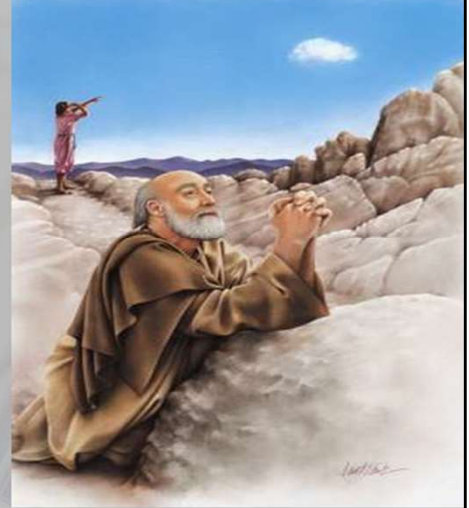
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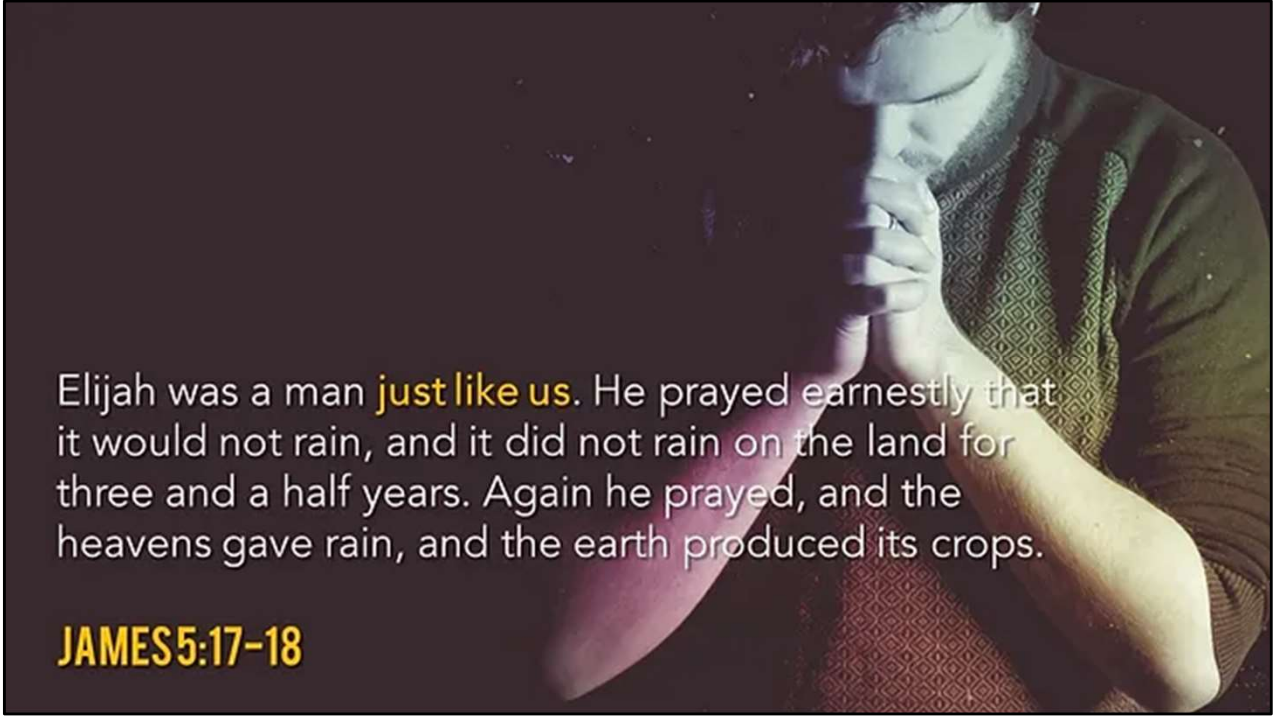
JAMES 5:11



## James 5:17-18

*<sup>17</sup>Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.  
<sup>18</sup>And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.*





Elijah was a man **just like us**. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

**JAMES 5:17-18**

# Lord Give Me Patience



## "Therefore Be Patient Brethren"

*James 5:7-12*

- ✦ **The need for continuance** – (vs. 7; Rom. 2:7; Heb. 6:11,12; Rev. 2:10)
- ✦ **Example of the farmer** – (vs. 7; *Dependence upon God's provisions* – Hos. 6:3; Joel 2:23)
- ✦ **Establish your hearts** – (vs. 8; Ps 27:14; 28:7; 112:7,8; Prov. 3:5; 4:23)
- ✦ **Do not complain and grumble** – (vs. 9; 1 Cor. 10:10; 1 Pet. 4:9)