



Things to Come: Week 5

“How to Live at Harvest Time” Three instructions in James 5

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Scripture Passage: James 5:1-11(NIV)

Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail, because of the misery that is coming upon you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days.

Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who harvested your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of Hosts. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you.

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You, too, be patient and stand firm (establish your hearts KJV), because the Lord’s coming is near. Don’t grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door.

Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen the end that the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Introduction:

The information that we want to know most about the end-times is not really what the Bible treats as most important!

What's most important in the Bible is our _____ and
_____ and _____
preparedness for the end-times.

Three Instructions for How to Live at Harvest Time:

1. Stay _____

“Appearing,” Parousia: _____

Since His parousia is near, this is harvest time!

“Stand firm,” Sterizo: _____

1.1 Stay focused on the call

- We are called to _____
 - We are called to _____
- _____

1.2 Stay focused on the hour

2. Stay _____

“Patience,” Makrothymia: _____

“Be patient (makrothymia) then, for the coming of the Lord”

“See how the Farmer waits for the earth to yield its precious fruit—see how patiently (makrothymia) He waits for the former and latter rains”

(And by the way, since 1906, we are living in the time of the latter rain)

“[If He can be patient like that] then you, too, be patient (makrothymia) and establish your hearts.”

“As an example of patience (makrothymia) in suffering take the prophets who spoke the name of the Lord”

2.1 Stay sweet toward other believers

“Be patient (makrothymia—stay sweet) because the Lord’s coming is near. Don’t grumble against each other, brothers, or else you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door”

- Stay sweet when another believer has _____
- Stay sweet when another believer has _____
- Stay sweet when another believer has _____

- Stay sweet when another believer has _____

“Grumble,” both an external verbal expression and an inward sigh:

- Stay sweet *inwardly*: _____

- Stay sweet *outwardly*: _____

Why is it so important to stay sweet toward other believers at Harvest Time?

- Because _____

- Because _____

- Because _____

2.1 Stay sweet toward unbelievers

As an example of makrothymia (staying sweet), in the face of persecution, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord

- Stay sweet when _____
- Stay sweet when _____
- Stay sweet when _____
- Staying sweet means _____

Why is it so important to stay sweet toward unbelievers at harvest time?

- Because _____
- Because _____

3. Stay _____

As you know, we consider those blessed who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance—and have seen the end that Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy

“Perseverance,” Hypomeno, _____

3.1 Stay strong in the faith that God is good!

“The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.” James 5:11

3.2 Stay strong in the faith that God is working it all out for your good!

*“I look for God in the east, I can’t find Him there
I look for Him in the west, I can’t find Him there
He’s at work in the north, the south, but still I can’t find Him
Nevertheless, He knows the way that I take; and when He has tried me I
shall come forth as gold!” Job 23:10*

3.3 Stay strong until the *better* end!

“I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. Yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see Him with my own eyes—I and not another. How my heart yearns within me!” Job 19:25-27
