

# **Studies In The Book James Faith In Action!**

## **Lesson 22**

### **Read James 5:7 – 9**

**Introduction:** *“James tells us that God is waiting for the perfect fruit of harvest and has long patience towards it. I was hoping that the Lord would come back in 1978, but I am very glad He didn’t. Just think where some of you would be today if He had. He is waiting for more. I imagine that He is as anxious to take us home as we are to go, but He is giving others an opportunity to become a part of His family. Wait patiently and establish your heart, because the Lord is coming quickly.”*

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1. What instructions does James give to us concerning the Lord’s coming according to James 5:7 – 8?
  - What do we learn from the following Scriptures about the coming of the Lord and how we should be living?
    - 1 Corinthians 1:7 – 8
    - Philippians 3:20 – 21
    - Colossians 3:4
    - 1 Thessalonians 1:9 – 10
    - Titus 2:11 – 14

2. What example did James give to us about being patient while waiting for the coming of the Lord in James 5:7 and how would this apply to us today?
- What did God say to the children of Israel about the promise land and the early and latter rain in Deuteronomy 11:10 – 14?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - In Jeremiah 5:23 – 25 what warning did God give to Israel and what would be the result of their iniquities?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - What promises did God give to Israel if they repented and return to the Lord according to Joel 2:23 – 27?
    - How would you apply the message in Joel to your walk with the Lord?

3. What do we learn about God being patient in the parable *of the tares among the wheat* in Matthew 13:24 – 30?

- How does Psalm 37:7 – 9 encourage you as you are waiting for the Lord?
- What did Jesus tell us to do as we are waiting for His return according to Luke 21:34 – 36?

4. According to James 5:8 what two things did James encourage us to do while waiting for the Lord?

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- How can we “*Establish our hearts*”?

5. What was James’ understanding of the Lord’s coming according to James 5:8 and Philipians 4:5?